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Red tape, taxes choke Santa

THIS CHRISTMAS toy run may be Santa's last in B.C.

Red tape and high taxes could force Santa Claus to stop doing business here, warns the Council of Santa Claus (CSC).

In a strongly worded statement issued last week from the North Pole, the CSC said the cost of doing business is so high in B.C., Santa may have to skip this province in favour of Alberta.

"You wouldn't believe the number of permits we require for B.C.," said Santa.

"Ever since the Santa Practices Code (SPC) came in, I've had to have two elves fulltime just on paperwork. It's unbelievable."

"What I'm trying to do is simply provide a service to all the boys and girls, but it's becoming impossible."

The CSC is made up of Santa Claus and the unions representing the reindeer and elves.

In a rare move not common in B.C., the combination of labour and management united in a single cause should point out the seriousness of the situation.

"There's no question reindeer have their own issues. But in regards to red tape and taxes in B.C., we must take a united front," said Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer of the Flying Reindeer Union, Local 1.

The CSC notes that the binders full of regulations which make up the Santa Practices Code, when piled up, are about as tall as the average elf.

"Sure, we may have made mistakes in the past — taken more than our fair share of cookies and milk — but we've changed and we are now more responsible," said Santa.

He quickly reeled off a list of main complaints of the CSC:

■ To visit each house, a Chimney Entry Permit is needed.

■ Santa's flight plan must be approved by three separate government ministries at least 30 days prior to Christmas Eve.

■ Santa is allowed just one "ho, ho, ho" call at each house.

■ A duplicate copy of each toy request must be made and filed when received at the North Pole for submission to the Santa Practices Review Board, a stand alone agency created under the SPC.

■ The age of each person making a request must be recorded and fed into a government computer system to determine if they qualify for children's status as defined in the SPC.

"This simply doesn't exist in Alberta," fumed Santa. "We're welcomed with open arms, as long as we're careful

not to fly too close to the oil derricks." Provincial officials in Victoria were quick to refute Santa's claims.

"We've met with the CSC on numerous occasions," said an official who requested anonymity.

"We've even waived the requirement that Christmas wrapping be made of B.C.-only paper products. Even now, we're putting the final touches on a Jobs for Santa Accord."

But the official noted there is only so far the government is prepared to go. "We are the government. We know what's best, even for Christmas."



■ Sing it sisters!

Students at the Centennial Christian School performed Samson, a musical of mighty proportions, Dec. 17 at the Terrace Christian Reformed Church. These little girls were busy singing when Samson used God's strength to bring down the temple and conquer his enemies. The schools Christmas bazaar was a great success this year. More than \$5000 was raised from selling crafts, kitchen wares, poinsettias, baked goods, sausages, croquettes and playing games.

Gov't dives into regional surgical debate

THE HEALTH MINISTRY has put itself into the middle of a touchy health care debate by recommending that Terrace be the base for the region's two orthopedic surgeons.

By custom and tradition, Kitimat has been the location of one surgeon and Prince Rupert the other. But with both those positions are now vacant, the issue of where they should be located needs to be examined, says a health ministry official.

"Our position on orthopedic services is that we very much want to see an integrated program and we certainly want to see consolidation," says Stephanie Slater.

"Terrace is probably the logical site, but because of geography and support staff, Prince Rupert would be fine, too," she added. "They don't have to be in the same place, but from the ministry's point of view, Terrace is the natural place."

The topic of where specialists should be based has always been controversial in the northwest. Specialists are highly prized for their economic worth as they create support jobs and increase the budgets of hospitals at where they practice the most.

And there have been understandings between communities to base specialists at various hospitals so each receives an economic benefit. Yet at the same time, decision making regarding specialist services is difficult as there is no overall regional health care authority. Local community health councils instead have to work things out amongst themselves.

A recent letter from Terrace-based surgeon Dr. James Dunfield to the health ministry suggesting that orthopedics be based here drew calls of interference from the community health council in Prince Rupert and a request for an apology.

Most of the region's specialists are in Terrace where they can rely on each other for assistance and from where they can fan out across the northwest when needed.

That ability for mutual support should also be applied to orthopedics, said Slater. "It would be easier for them to

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Work sharing at West Fraser could lengthen

By JEFF NAGEL

A FEDERAL work-sharing program that means the difference between a paycheque and a layoff notice for about 90 West Fraser workers could be extended to mid-June.

The six-month program — scheduled to run out March 20 and which would trigger layoffs at Skeena Sawmills — may be extended by 13 weeks, says general manager Lou Poulin.

That would keep the 136 mill employees working and buy the sawmill more time to wait for stronger prices in lumber markets.

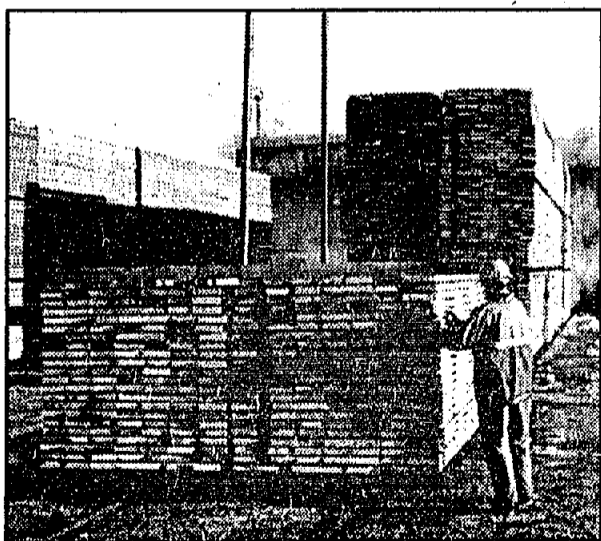
"I have talked to the union and we have every intention of applying for a 13-week extension to get us to 39 weeks," Poulin said late last week.

"In June we're hoping the Japanese are going to find a trillion dollars and start buying lumber again," he added.

Poulin said economists are forecasting tough times for the first two quarters of the new year, but there's some hope of improvement by the third quarter.

West Fraser had told its workers layoffs will likely result whenever the work-sharing program ends. It is now running one shift, shared between its normal two-shift workforce, with Employment Insurance paying benefits to make up the difference. An end to the work-share would mean eliminating the equivalent of one of the mill's two shifts.

"They all know that when the work share ran out we were going to have to make a tough decision on who stays and who goes and it's going to have to be done based on



SKEENA SAWMILLS workers, such as the one pictured above, may benefit from an extended work-share program which features Employment Insurance payments to top up wages.

seniority, taking competency into account," Poulin said.

The result will likely be that only those workers with 20 years or more of seniority will survive, he said.

"The morale of the crew and people is pretty good considering the situation," Poulin added.

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Both West Fraser's sawmill and Skeena Cellulose shut down for Christmas Dec. 18. Both mills are slated to restart operations Jan. 4, following a normal two-week holiday shutdown.

Poulin said West Fraser had originally planned a three-week Christmas shutdown.

But a one-week closure in October and another in November allowed them to take enough down time that the holiday season closure will be just the normal two weeks.

More jobs forecast if wood quota upped

SKEENA CELLULOSE officials say they could hire 500 more workers at its northwest sawmills if the company is allowed to export more lumber to the U.S.

The company has launched an appeal of its quota restriction under the Canada-U.S. Softwood Lumber Agreement.

If the move is successful, said company spokesman Don McDonald, Skeena Cellulose would be permitted to sell much more lumber to U.S. markets without being subject to a tariff.

"If our quota is increased we could end up employing 500 more people in the sawmills and we would probably be able to add another shift at the pulp mill," McDonald said. "Obviously there would be jobs in woodlands for contractors in addition."

He said a third shift could be added at the company's mill here and mean more people at its Carnaby and Smithers mills, essentially doubling the workforce.

A previous appeal through the B.C. Softwood Lumber Advisory Committee was unsuccessful, McDonald said, but this time the company is appealing directly to foreign affairs minister Lloyd Axworthy to give the company a bigger share of the Canadian export quota.

The company contends its export quota was incorrectly calculated, in large part because it was based on a year when Skeena Cellulose was exporting most of its lumber

to Asia and very little to the U.S. That now should be corrected because the U.S. market remains the natural market for its products, it says.

The company also claims undue hardship in a particularly hard-hit region of the province.

"They seem to have a pretty good case," said city councillor Val George, who persuaded city council to write a support letter.

"I think we can claim that we have been hit to a greater extent than other parts of this province and other parts of the country," he said. "Other producers in other parts of the country are still making money in the lumber business."

McDonald wouldn't specify how much extra lumber the company could export or the revenue a successful appeal would bring. George estimated it might yield 16 million more board feet — boosting lumber production by five to seven per cent.

The provincial government is pressing Ottawa for a re-examination of quota allocations.

Skeena MLA Helmut Giesbrecht said he also wants lumber export quotas to be broken down not just by company but by each mill.

He said that would require companies like West Fraser operate all their mills — including money-losing ones like Skeena Sawmills — or give up part of their quota.

Lights dazzle contest judges

By ALEX HAMILTON
TWINKLING LOGGING trucks, glowing nativity scenes, shooting stars, sparking space shuttles and glittering greetings...Terrace has it all.

It took five judges three hours to drive 100 kilometres around the area, looking at all the entries in this year's Christmas lights contest on Dec. 17.

After much haggling and debate, the judges unanimously gave the best house award to Joe and Tina Raposo at 2809 Hall St.

"It's dainty and artistic," said judge Chris Hansen, from the Greater Terrace Beautification Society. "It was a nice twinkling pleasure."

Runners up in the best home category include 2802 Molitor St. (Thelma Odell) and 5306 McConnell (Ken Juniper).

And honourable mentions to 5233 Mountain Vista (Scott and Janet Hamel). This house, including the backyard, is done up to perfection.

"It's very tastefully done," said judge and city councillor Olga Power. "It's lovely."

Also up for an honourable mention is 2708 Molitor (Antonio S. Duarte).

The award for best effort goes to Luella Campbell at 6041 Chimdeemash at Usk. All the Christmas decorations are handmade out of wood. Check out the bells, geese holding the wreath, poinsettias, and the beautiful light display.

Runner up for best effort goes to 4705 Soucie (Roy and Audrey Alarie.) This home has everything: Frostie, Santa, flashing lights and reindeer.

Best street goes to McRae Cres. in the horseshoe. Bring your shades for these houses, the amount of light is blinding. Runner up for best street was Hundal Dr. and honourable mentions go to Temple St., Bolton Ave. and the 4900 block of Labelle Ave.

Best commercial building.



BETTY CAMPBELL, foreground, and Chris Hansen, both from the Terrace Beautification Society, were judges in the 10th annual Christmas lights decorating contest. They're in front of a home on McRae Cres.

goes to the Tillicum Theatre.

Also deserving special mention are the Copperside stores on Kalum and in Thornhill.

In the best mobile home/apartment category, first place went to 407 Edgewood, which is located

on Jackpine Flats. To get there turn right on Sockeye and then onto Edgewood. Second place went to #16-4625 Graham in the Terrace Trailer Park.

Other houses to take a peek at include 4926 Lazelle Ave., (where there is a shooting star), 4934 Lazelle,

4707 Weber Ave, 4931 Park Ave. (very nicely colour coordinated) and 4523 Graham Ave. for its space shuttle.

Special mention also goes to the whole neighbourhood of Thornheights. The majority of houses there are worth seeing.

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A must see as always is Nelson McGinlay's masterpiece at 5502 Highway 16 West.

His home belongs in a category of its own. Be sure to visit Santa's headquarters. He'll be there from 6 to 9 p.m. up to Dec. 24.

Christmas mailings decrease

MAILING A Christmas card may have been more expensive for some people this year.

Canada Post has discontinued what it called a 'great more' program which sold stamps at 3 to 5 cents less than normal with the provision that envelopes carrying six boxes in which to put the postal code were used.

"Over the years with the price of cards, and of mailing there's been a drop in the number of Christmas cards mailed and the program wasn't that popular and it was declining," said Canada Post official Bob Taylor.

The program ended a year and a half ago but Canada Post honoured it last Christmas so those people who had bought and filed greet more stamps could still use them.

Taylor tagged email as one reason why Christmas card mailings have declined. Tailor-made cards using various Internet services have grown very popular over the past several years.

But overall, Taylor said Canada Post's business has increased. "We're adding 170,000 new addresses a year. Don't forget we're getting a lot of immigration and those new Canadians are sending and receiving international mail," he said.

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And the cost of a regular stamp is going up as of Jan. 1, 1999.

The increase is a penny, putting the cost of a stamp at 46 cents, not including GST.

It will also cost more to mail a letter to the United States, 55 cents instead of 52 cents, not including GST.

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B.C. Tel expects to carry 1.4 million phone calls Christmas Day, double the amount it normally carries.

The average length of a Christmas Day call is 10 minutes, which is also twice the normal weekday average.

And to help handle the load, extra operators and other workers will be on duty Dec. 25.

B.C. Tel does have some tips to make Christmas Day call go smoother.

One is to call between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to avoid peak times.

Dial a number directly save time and money.

And if you need a number and have to call directory assistance, have the address and proper spelling of the name ready.

News In Brief

Boy loses mom in fatal accident

A FOUR-YEAR-OLD boy is in hospital here after his mother died in a fatal accident near New Hazelton Wednesday, Dec. 16.

Katrina Berarducci, 29, died late in the morning of Dec. 16 at Wrinch Memorial Hospital in New Hazelton after running into an logging truck on Hwy16.

Berarducci was driving eastbound on Hwy16 near Mud Flat Creek when an oncoming truck slid on an icy section of the highway 11 kilometres east of New Hazelton.

RCMP say the logging truck spun sideways causing Berarducci's vehicle to run into the truck's back wheels.

Her son Brandon was treated at Wrinch Memorial hospital briefly before being transferred to Terrace for further treatment.

RCMP say the truck slid off the highway after the collision and it's driver was treated and released from hospital.

Get it in writing

SKEENA BROADCASTERS has officially asked for permission to carry a Portuguese language station on its cable system.

It did bring in Radio Television Portugal (RTP) earlier this year but had to pull it because it did not have the official approval of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) which regulates broadcasters in Canada.

The application to the CRTC covers basic service cable systems in Terrace, Prince Rupert, Kitimat, Hazelton, Smithers and Houston.

Cancellation of RTP provoked calls and letters to the CRTC asking for it to be re-instated. They'll form part of the package asking for approval.

Moving to Prince George

A TERRACE-BASED provincial government official has moved to Prince George to work for northern development commissioner John Backhouse.

Harold Demetzer was most recently the northwest's regional director for the small business, tourism and culture ministry. He's also worked for the federal Indian and Northern Affairs department in the northwest and in Williams Lake.

The northern development commission was formed earlier this year as one way for the north to have a voice in provincial government affairs.

Backhouse is a former Prince George mayor and there are five people in his office. It has a budget of \$2.5 million and last week mailed out a newsletter telling people what it was doing.

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Tough job

IF YOU think the toughest job in B.C. is that of Mike Keenan or Brian Burke in trying to field a decent hockey team, you'd be wrong.

Instead, cast your eye across the Georgia Straits and consider the plight of finance minister Joy MacPhail. She's the fourth person to hold that portfolio since the first NDP government was elected in 1991 and by all accounts, seems to be the only one to fully understand that a government is not supposed to overspend, tax excessively or overregulate.

The one weak area of the NDP lies in the economy. For the most part, the party views income and profits as something to be plucked like a ripe fruit from a tree instead of regarding the whole tree as a vital and living organism.

To be sure, Ms. MacPhail is as ardent an NDPer as they come and she follows closely the NDP philosophy that a government should be a strong intervener in the economy.

But she shows clear signs of understanding that choking the ability of business and of taxpayers to participate by investment and spending means nothing but bad news.

Witness the reaction of other cabinet ministers, notably Moe Sihota, to various proposals by the Business Summit, the collection of business leaders who gathered recently to gather ideas to revive the province. Mr. Sihota took it as an ideological declaration of war and went on the attack with dire warnings. Ms. MacPhail was more receptive, leading observers to note she would consider what the business leaders had to say.

Mr. Sihota's reaction shows that despite all its years in power, the NDP prefers the heat of political battle to the more rational job of governing.

So the best hope for B.C., at least in the next little while, rests with Ms. MacPhail as she begins work on the next budget. And that leaves us with the wish she'll be able to curb her more in-temperate colleagues.

Wise words

SOMEONE IS off to the Persian Gulf to visit family. Another person is visiting the Far East. Someone else is in Hawaii and yet another person is visiting a new nephew on the Prairies. Others are preparing for a quiet time at home either by themselves or to welcome visitors.

It's the time of year when the skies and roads are full of people crisscrossing the globe in this the most special holiday of the year.

The words of Tommy Douglas, a former Baptist minister, former premier of Saskatchewan and former leader of the federal New Democratic Party come to mind:

"If Christmas means anything, it should mean that, like the shepherds of old, we catch a vision of the world as it ought to be and not as it is. This is the season when we should renew our determination to do what we can, each in our own way, to build a world founded on human brotherhood and concern for the needs of others."



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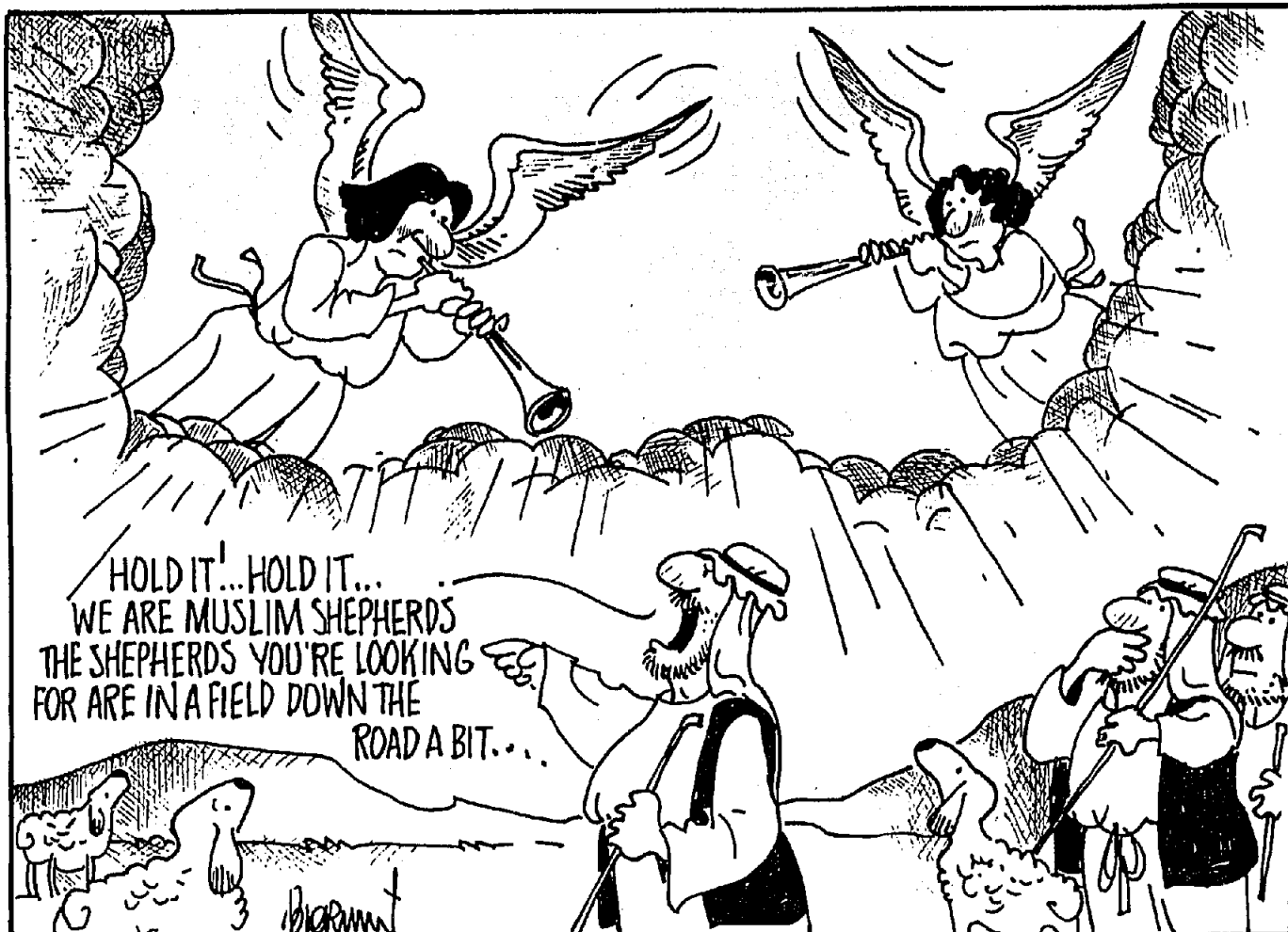
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Her voice revives memories

VICTORIA - St. Andrew's Cathedral is packed with parents and grandparents. The occasion is St. Andrew's School's annual Christmas pageant.

Little tikes crawl on the floor, resting on their behinds once in a while, fascinated by the lights of candles and the activity at the altar.

One by one, the seven primary grades present their musical selections. Then it is the seventh graders' turn. Like any parent, well, grandfather in my case, I look for my charge. There they are, Pamela among them, singing Silent Night, Holy Night.

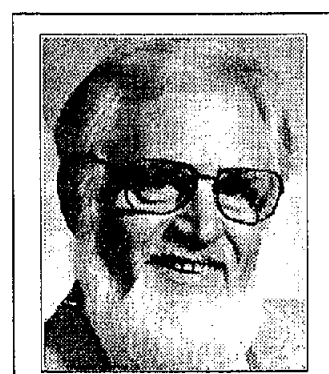
And if by magic, I am transported back to another evening, another Christmas pageant, long, long ago.

That time, Pamela's father Roderick, then maybe 10, was singing a solo.

A woman turned to my wife and said, "he has the voice of an angel."

Rod has been dead nearly three years, but his girl's voice can yank him back from the grave into my heart in a split second.

Somehow, the milestones of my life have always been



FROM THE CAPITAL
 HUBERT BEYER

Christmases, not birthdays. From the earliest Christmas I remember in pre-war Germany, my parents not half the age I am now, to this Christmas season.

Even Hitler's terrible new order, in which eventually there would have been no place for religion of any kind, couldn't extinguish the magic of Christmas. Not that he didn't try.

At state-sponsored Christmas events for the wives and children of the men serving at the front, no Christmas music was played. These events were called Volkswelchnacht, People's Christmas.

The band would play a lot of songs about winter magic, but

nothing with the words Christ or Christmas in them. The official Nazi Christmas song was O Tannenbaum which, unlike the English version makes no reference to Christmas. To this day, I can't stand that song.

But at every Volkswelchnacht, the people ignored the band and began singing Silent Night and all the other beautiful German Christmas songs.

Life marched on and Hitler's new order became the dust of history.

Christmas, once again, became what it had been. There were the terrible post-war years, hunger and poverty, but those passed too.

The good memories are of our family together again at Christmas. Both my father and brother had survived. There are the memories of unwrapping presents on Christmas Eve, of walking to church, often through new-fallen snow, for midnight mass.

There was the sad experience of that first Christmas after my parents' death, an experience no-one escapes.

New memories, however,

joined the old ones, memories of our first child.

We put the baby under the tree because we didn't have the money to give each other presents. By the time the other three had come along, we had a few cents to rub together, and the pile of presents under the tree seemed to get bigger and bigger by the year.

Another poignant milestone was the first Christmas without our son, Roderick. But life must be for the living, and we now had a granddaughter to raise, a formidable challenge when one has white hair and gets a monthly Canada Pension cheque, a small one, to be sure.

The Christmas pageant is over. My granddaughter joins me in front of the church and asks how they sang.

I say, "you sang beautifully."

And I remember having said that before, after many a Christmas pageant in which our children participated.

Memories, the magic of Christmas.

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In with old, out with the new

GREAT GIFTS are unique and suited to the recipient. But for me, a gift should also not duplicate anything I already possess because I may never bring myself to use it.

For most people, duplicates are a joy. Given a leather wallet, they immediately empty their tattered one, toss it in the wastebasket, and eagerly transfer money, credit cards, and identification to the silky pockets of the new billfold.

Not me. So long as my old one has any wear left in it, I'm attached to it.

Even new nightgowns stack up, birthday gift upon Christmas present, waiting for my oldie to wear thin as gossamer over the shoulder blades. Experience tells me before the replacement fits comfortably I must remove any scratchy lace, pick out stitches in the cuff elastic that strangulates



THROUGH BIFOCALS
 CLAUDETTE SANDECKI

my forearms, and unpin the satin bow decorating the neckline.

Only then - when the new one is exactly like my old one except for wear - will it not interfere with my slumber.

All my life I've clung to customary possessions - slippers, jackets, handbags, address books ... It would pain me to discard a serviceable item simply because I now have the luxury of an

unused model.

Where my possessive nature comes from I'm not sure. I expect it has to do with being a child of the Depression. Although I have been accused of being just too lazy to cut off labels and sales tags.

I recognize my reluctance to upgrade. And knowing givers are waiting to see me enjoying their gift bothers me a lot, though not enough to change my ways.

My hesitation would evaporate if my old model would disintegrate. If a jacket became too ragged for a new zipper; if cuffs frayed until the whole sleeve needed replacing, I could force myself to dump it.

Family members are exasperated with me. My husband threatens to disappear the old item when he hands me a gift of a new one. My daughter shakes her head sadly at photos of her

children propped against the radio on my desk while gilt-edged picture frames stay stacked in the piano bench.

I envy folks who can buy a pair of slippers and the minute they cut off the plastic tag, stuff the runner pair in the garbage.

Would that I could.

Recently, in England, the leather handbag former prime minister Margaret Thatcher dangled from her arm for eleven years became an archive in a British museum.

If Maggie's worn purse merits preservation, why not mine?

My handbag is older than Thatcher's. Its corners are worn white, the cardboard dividers are bent, and the silk pockets are wearing through. But I can find my library card by feel, and it has ample room for a book.

On a closet shelf waits an unused three-year old handbag.



Indecision, secrecy push down council's grades

Terrace Standard reporter Jeff Nagel takes his annual subjective and irreverent look back at city council's performance over the last year. As 1999 is an election year for city council, the voters will pass final judgment when they go to the polls next November.

JACK TALSTRA: B+

Run silent, run deep. Jack Talstra traded his mayor's gavel for a submarine captain's periscope and allowed city council to slip deeper into secrecy in 1998.

Issues that have no business being secret often turned up at in-camera meetings.

And Talstra's "think tank" sessions are an all-out free-for-all for discussion of the city's key issues and goals for the future safely out of the public eye.

Yeah, sure council got stung by its mishandling of issues like the farmer's market and skateboard park. And yes, every time some councillors open their mouths there's a risk something troublesome might come out. These, however, are some of the burdens of democracy.

It may be easier and less of a hassle to operate a local government under the Talstra-style cone of silence. But it's not responsible to the people council is elected to serve.

The mayor softened his tone somewhat on secrecy late in the year, hinting at a review of the city's in-camera practices.

Although he attended the B.C. Liberal party's convention this year (he actually professes to be more of a federal Liberal), Talstra doesn't let provincial political considerations stop him from doing what he thinks is right.

He came out in support of the Nisga'a treaty and opposed provincial Liberal leader Gordon Campbell's demand for a referendum, calling it too divisive.

And he castigated both Campbell and Premier Glen Clark for political opportunism on the treaty when some vision and statesmanship is needed.

Talstra has managed to harness the support system developed between northwest mayors from the 1997 Skeena Cellulose crisis and put that unified front to work on other issues. Numerous letters went out under signature of all northwest mayors on several different issues, from health care and gasoline pricing to ferry service and Hwy 37 road conditions.

Accountability issues aside, Talstra remains a strong, experienced fighter for the city and the region who's really without equal in northwestern B.C.

LINDA HAWES: B

Is councillor Hawes in municipal politics for the love of potholes and zoning debates? Or is it merely her springboard to provincial politics?

That remains a valid question as Hawes continues to juggle her hats as a city councillor and as a leading lieutenant in the region to Gordon Campbell and the B.C. Liberals.

The juggling act became trickiest during the Nisga'a treaty debate, when councillor Hawes waffled vigorously on the issue while less ambitious B.C. Liberals on council came out in support of the treaty.

She also helped push through a bylaw banning slot machines in Terrace as an added obstacle to any provincial government attempt to allow a casino here - a measure whose value seemed more political than practical.

In general, however, Hawes avoids the cheap shots that make a farce of partisan city councils in some other towns.

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But perhaps other political battlefields will beckon by that time anyway.



Jack Talstra

Although he attended the B.C. Liberal party's convention this year (he actually professes to be more of a federal Liberal), Talstra doesn't let provincial political considerations stop him from doing what he thinks is right.

He came out in support of the Nisga'a treaty and opposed provincial Liberal leader Gordon Campbell's demand for a referendum, calling it too divisive.

And he castigated both Campbell and Premier Glen Clark for political opportunism on the treaty when some vision and statesmanship is needed.

Talstra has managed to harness the support system developed between northwest mayors from the 1997 Skeena Cellulose crisis and put that unified front to work on other issues. Numerous letters went out under signature of all northwest mayors on several different issues, from health care and gasoline pricing to ferry service and Hwy 37 road conditions.

Accountability issues aside, Talstra remains a strong, experienced fighter for the city and the region who's really without equal in northwestern B.C.

LINDA HAWES: B

Is councillor Hawes in municipal politics for the love of potholes and zoning debates? Or is it merely her springboard to provincial politics?

That remains a valid question as Hawes continues to juggle her hats as a city councillor and as a leading lieutenant in the region to Gordon Campbell and the B.C. Liberals.

The juggling act became trickiest during the Nisga'a treaty debate, when councillor Hawes waffled vigorously on the issue while less ambitious B.C. Liberals on council came out in support of the treaty.

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RICH McDANIEL: C+

Mr. Skateboard Park. Councillor McDaniel has come to be associated with little other than his driving goal of getting a skateboard park built.

And for a while it looked like his one issue was facing unsurmountable obstacles, foremost among them being council's inability to make a firm decision on a location.

(Incidentally it was council indecisiveness on the skateboard park site that led farmer's market reps to feel insecure about their site, sparking council's biggest headache of '98.)

Finally the skateboard park site is settled and it looks like the thing may actually get built in 1999, a tribute to councillor McDaniel's efforts and tenaciousness. Now if he can just get the voting age lowered to about 14.

Councillor McDaniel's tendency to be undiplomatic and at times downright combative came out in run-ins with farmers' market organizers in 1998.

One memorable exchange saw Rich try to enforce his own selective memory of things he'd said about the market upon a disbelieving audience.

It wasn't the first time observers scratched their heads quizzically as McDaniel revised his past words and actions to suit the needs of the present.

Councillor McDaniel gave somewhat vague support of the Nisga'a treaty, but avoided saying much on the subject. He also backed installation of condom machines in city buildings.

He and the mayor were returned as city council's representatives to the regional district. McDaniel also sought but lost the chairmanship of the regional district.

1998 was a year of some improvement for councillor McDaniel, but communication difficulties continue to overshadow his abilities and experience.

RON VANDERLEE: C+

After being missing in action for literally months due to work obligations, councillor Vanderlee re-materialized in March, promising more time for city business.

And although his attendance record did improve

markedly, his impact on council did not.

Councillor Vanderlee gained experience and knowledge of city issues.

Yet he's rarely a significant source of new ideas, direction or leadership.

Indeed when debate moves around the table on contentious issues, councillor Vanderlee often rides the coattails of one of his colleagues rather than explain his own thinking in detail.

Vanderlee mirrored councillor George on many issues - generally supporting the Nisga'a treaty while at the same time favouring a referendum.

He agreed in principle to let the farmer's market stay where it is for the short term, although he maintains he's concerned about the level of traffic and parking in that area.

A voice for the safety of children and family values, he opposed expanded sales of fireworks as well as condom machines.

Vanderlee is vigilant on crime prevention and RCMP issues, serving on one of council's advisory committees dedicated to that topic.

An intelligent and thoughtful councillor, Vanderlee has plenty of common sense and a questioning approach to city issues. But it's still difficult to imagine much difference if council was without him.

VAL GEORGE: B+

His underlying traits are still fuzziness and caution, but councillor George did sharpen his edge somewhat in 1998.

While it might be seen as waffling, councillor George's flip-flops on some issues are in his eyes about being responsive to the wishes of his constituents.

That meant bending quickly when it became clear the farmer's market had significant support to remain where it is.

George, along with councillor Vanderlee, was the councillor most likely to back local churches on moral issues. Examples included the condom machine debate, casinos and an emphasis on drug enforcement for the RCMP.

Councillor George supported the Nisga'a treaty and at the same time supported a referendum so

voters province-wide could have a say.

Along with councillor Power, he switched from initial opposition of a neighbourhood pub on Hwy 16 West to support of the plan after the proponent got the immediate neighbours on side.

He was outspoken in pushing Victoria for action on local health care issues and the plight of fishermen as a result of dramatic fishing restrictions to protect coho stocks.

Councillor George also took a stand for greater openness in publicly opposing mayor Talstra's penchant for having contentious issues discussed behind closed doors.

Better preparation and a healthier skepticism added up to an improved performance for local taxpayers.



Val George

DAVID HULL: B

What have you done for us lately, Dave? Yes, yes aside from the millennium tree-planting schemes and the Van Gogh sunflower vision.

Councillor Hull often has a tendency to take the shotgun approach to issues. He'll load up and fire ideas around the room in the hopes that one or two of them will stick, or at least look good on TV.

It's a tactic that often produces better optics than results.

Councillor Hull became one of the most vocal backers of the Nisga'a treaty on council and opposed calls for a provincial referendum on the deal.

Hull also tried late in the year to drag the rest of council kicking and screaming into taking a formal stand on the treaty - part of his ongoing quest for accountability on council. Hull deeply believes in being straight with the voters and not simply letting difficult issues slide when it's expedient to do so.

He spearheaded the push to install condom machines in city-owned buildings after the school board rejected requests to put them in high schools. And he's been vocal in pushing for more extensive cost-sharing of city expenses with Thornhill.

Hull publicly disgraced himself in September with an over-the-top rant at Lynne Christiansen in the heat of debate over moving the farmer's market.

He was the councillor who most stuck to his guns on that issue (others agreed with him but softened their stance), maintaining to the end that council was weaselling out of a tough decision that should be dealt with now if the city's serious about long-term planning.

He remains the councillor you can most count on to be true to his convictions and not sail in whichever direction the political winds blow.

On or off camera, Hull provides the most creative ideas, questions and leadership of anyone on council.

Maybe the challenges were fewer in 1998. But all in all, it was something of a floater year for one of council's most reliable members.



David Hull

OLGA POWER: B-

The outsider. Councillor Power joined the ranks of city council in the spring following a byelection to replace departing councillor Tim Down.

That put her well over a year behind other rookie councillors on the learning curve.

While she still has much to learn about city operations and procedures, Power has been outspoken at times, fighting for the farmers' market and for her chipper-plagued neighbours on Mountainvista.

Councillor Power enthusiastically supported the Nisga'a treaty and opposed a referendum. She, too, supported installation of condom machines in city buildings.

She was also active on issues such as user fees at the R.E.M. Lee Theatre and local health care, an area where she brings her experience as former chair of the hospital board.

Councillor Power has no shortage of questions and ideas, and should prove an increasingly valuable member of council as she gains experience.



Olga Power



Rich McDaniel



Ron Vanderlee

Dog awareness plea issued

Dear Sir:

I became intrigued by a recent 'pet of the week' photo of two German shepherds at the Kitimat SPCA. They were purebred, had their shots, were fixed, microchipped, and had registration papers. For only \$20 they could be adopted.

I drove to Kitimat. Neither dog came even close to the breed standard description, and yet were registered and sold as such. These sad specimens had been purchased for \$350 by someone obviously unaware of what they were looking at. I asked to take one out to get a better feeling of his temperament. He scurried and scrambled at the end of his lead, oblivious to my quiet coaxings as I knelt at his side. When my husband's foot slipped in the new snow, the dog jumped back, bent his head and began urinating uncontrollably as he cowered against me.

I voiced my concerns at the front desk and was informed the previous owner had purchased them from a local breeder. I thought back to when I, too, had been foolish enough to buy a German Shepherd from a local breeder. Do not get me wrong. I do not wish to include all breeders in my negative description.

The female I had purchased was from a litter of 11. By the time she was a year old, I had heard from two people who owned her siblings that they had to put their dogs to sleep as all they did when spoken too was urinate on themselves and cower. They were not displaying the temperament expected of a German shepherd.

My dog also displayed odd behaviours. When I talked to another shepherd owner, I was reassured this wasn't a big deal. A while later I was approached by a gentleman who owned a beautiful male German shepherd from Germany with the proposition that we should breed them.

Being 19 at the time, I didn't have the sense to say no, and was soon the proud owner of eight beautiful pups. After they had all been placed in homes, I began receiving calls. Five pups died within two months, having bled to death. One owner was thoughtful enough to do an autopsy,

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revealing Hemophilia. I researched this, having never heard of it in dogs, and found it was almost exclusively caused, in some breeds, by inbreeding or linebreeding.

A quick glance at my dog's pedigree, and my heart sank. Father to daughter, cousins to cousins. This technique is not as bad as it sounds, if you are willing to cull your litters, and not sell for profit every pup you can pump out. This type of breeding is not cheap, and takes years to master. I immediately spayed my female.

The two shepherds in Kitimat are from the same bloodlines. Destined to be failures, unable to please any owner, or lead happy lives. I do not know how to end this horrible situation, except to plead to anyone interested in any purebred dog to do your research and interview breeders.

I welcome any correspondence by anyone wishing to discuss this. I encourage anyone thinking about getting a dog to look in the shelters, or wait till after Christmas, as the shelter will be getting lots of Christmas puppies.

I did contact the Canadian Kennel Club. They said that as long as both parents are registered, any pup, no matter its quality, can be registered. They encouraged me to approach city council for a by-law to have breeders with licences to conform to breed standards. Yeah, that will happen.

Angela Burton, Terrace, B.C.

Wash your hands afterward

Dear Sir:

This is why I do not watch professional sports.

Two weeks ago a pamphlet advertising ethical funds showed me a picture of a young child labourer asleep at his work bench where he stitched together baseballs for a living.

Today a major league baseball player has just signed a contract for (US) \$15 million a year for seven years.

Let's just put this into perspective for a moment with the help of a calculator — \$15 million divided by 365 days a year is \$41,098.89. I checked, that's 41K and change each and every day of the year.

That's just about what most people in Canada would feel lucky to earn in one year. It would be nice to save a bit for the kids' schooling, maybe buy a house, take a vacation etc. Extravagances I know, but we are living in the developed world. Go one step further and think of the young boy and his family in a country where the average income is maybe a small fraction of what the pro-athlete receives

for chucking the same kind of balls as they make. So much for trickledown economics.

Anyway, divide the daily gross, (and it is gross in more ways than one) by 24 hours and you get about \$1712 for every hour spent living and breathing. That's more like it! I recall making that much in one month which is at least some common ground, eh? More calculator magic yields \$28.54 a minute that Joe Athlete is making.

Stay with me here, now it get's tricky. Not only is your pro athlete breathing and stuff but he also has to pee once in a while. It takes just over 1.5 minutes for a decent pee, if you wash your hands afterward. That makes \$42.81 earned for just standing in front of the toilet and urinating. Nice work if you can get it.

Michael Bruce, Terrace, B.C.

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BUSINESS REVIEW

Out & About

Report's out

CUTS to personal and business taxes totalling \$1.5 billion heads the B.C. Business Summit's list of recommendations for economic renewal.

The 72-page report of the Nov. 8-9 summit was released last week.

Other key recommendations include:

- A five per cent cut in government spending, coupled with aggressive privatization and contracting out programs to cut the provincial debt and deficit.

- Adoption of balanced budget legislation and giving a task force on red tape authority to review all B.C. legislation and regulations.

- Change the Labour Relations Code, requiring secret ballot votes for union certification and eliminating the prohibition on replacement workers.

- Lift moratoria on salmon farming and offshore oil and gas exploration, and halt the ongoing removal of Crown land from commercial development.

- B.C. Chamber of Commerce president John Winter said the recommendations are neither a negotiating position nor a pure business agenda.

"They are simply the changes that must be made in B.C. if we are to halt the erosion of our business climate and our standard of living, and restore the province to economic health and prosperity," he said.

Moving

RENOVATIONS are underway at an office in the old medical centre building on Greig Ave.

Moving there in February is the Northwest Training Centre and Northwest Counselling Centre, which presently have space in the Fillicum building.

"It's so we can be more accessible to the public," said firm partner Lynn Hughes of the planned move.

The two agencies — which provide career counselling and employment assistance and training — employ more than a dozen people and collect most of their billings from the provincial or federal governments.

It's the last part of the formal medical clinic building to be occupied. The building is owned by Greig Holdings Ltd.

Alcan heads shuffled

A NEW manager will soon be in charge of Alcan's Kitimat Works.

Louis Delage, presently works director of an alumina refinery in Quebec, takes over in January from Kitimat Works manager Eric Sykes.

Sykes takes on a new role as Alcan's vice-president for corporate affairs in B.C. He'll be based in Vancouver, ending eight years in Kitimat.

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Noodle seller aims big

TANYA KUTENICS is hoping to transform an old world family recipe into a steady business.

She's packaged her family's nokedli Hungarian noodles under the name "Better Than Perogies" and is selling them in a few local convenience stores.

She's also formed her own company to market the product — Northland Noodles.

Kutenics' parents Kay and Steve run the Flight Deck restaurant and lounge at the airport and that's where Tanya prepares the egg noodles.

The noodles have been on the menu at the restaurant since the family took it over in 1994.

And Kutenics has also sold them on Saturdays at the farmer's market.

But now she's planning to take the next step and upgrade her packaging for a run at getting into the supermarkets.

"Ultimately I'd like to get into the Overwaitea and Safeway stores," she says.

It means buying an expensive vacuum packaging machine, designing a sharp-looking label and getting a barcode.

"You can't sell into the grocery stores without a barcode," she explains.

She's also been told vacuum packaging would give her product a more professional look than the ziplock bags she now uses.



TANYA KUTENICS is marketing her family's Hungarian family recipe for nokedli noodles.

Kutenics said the recipe goes back to her family's roots in Hungary before her father fled the country during the revolution of 1956. "He remembers his mother making them when he was little," she says.

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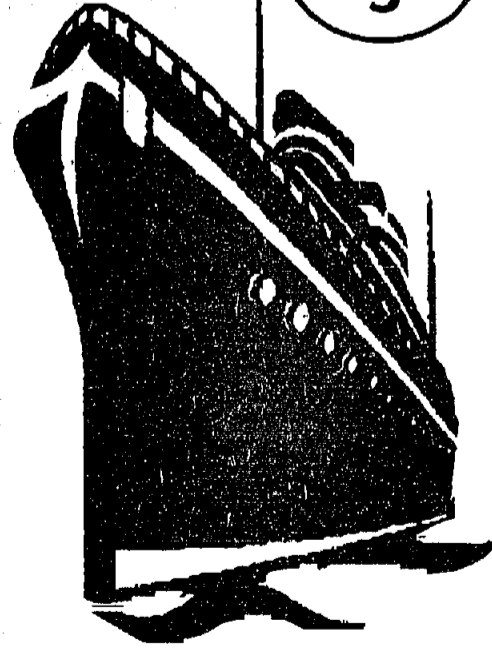
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The Mail Bag

Policies unrealistic for mothers, babies

Dear Sir:
I recently gave birth to twins, by caesarean section, at Mills Memorial Hospital. The nurses were pleasant and professional but they were also over-occupied.
As you read the rest of my letter, keep in mind that I have just had major surgery.
The morning after my surgery, my two babies were wheeled into my room and left for me to care of. I was still having tremendous difficulty just trying to sit up and I was expected to keep up this pace for the next four days I remained in the hospital.
According to hospital policy if I needed a shower, I was expected to call a friend or a relative to come and babysit my babies.
Patients shouldn't have to rely on schedules of family and friends so they can stay clean. What about the patients from out of town who don't have friends or family in Terrace? What are they to do?
I could have called a nurse but these nurses don't have time to sit with my baby for 10 minutes while I make my way to the shower and back.
My first post-operative trip to the

bathroom was without a nurse because I felt guilty about bothering the nurses. This would have been forbidden four years ago.
One of my nurses had eight patients to care for. Nurses no longer have time to show a mother how to bathe a newborn, or ask them if they need medication for pain, or show them where to find a towel and a facecloth for a shower.
Juice and snacks are no longer offered in the evening. Breast-feeding moms are not informed where they can get extra fluids or snacks if they are hungry or thirsty.
Rest and increased fluids are essential for milk production, especially when nursing twins. Both of these were hard to come by because of new hospital policies.
Not all babies and not all moms benefit by "rooming in". Besides, is it realistic to expect a patient to find enough friends and family to volunteer their time to babysit a baby, round the clock, for five days so that the mother can recover?
This may be idealistic but I think it is unrealistic. Saving money seems to be more important than patient care.
Shirley Palahicky, Terrace, B.C.

Modern Catholic church isn't the true one of old

Dear Sir:
Is there anyone out there who is Catholic? Around Hallowe'en a Terrace Standard columnist spewed out a mass of verbiage, the gist being: Catholic Church bad, witches good.
Our local infidel writer dredged up some bogus statistics regarding alleged atrocities committed against witches and heretics during the Middle Ages.
She is the latest in a line of those who hate the truth except when it concerns their material well-being. For example, most people would turn livid red if they were short-charged \$50 by a bank teller but who see no harm in passing on hateful lies concerning the Catholic faith.
Granted, Catholics at one time cared enough about the truth that God revealed in the Church He founded to defend it with their lives against pagans who, according to Psalm 95, worship the devil and heretics who worship a man-made false god.
To protect their flock, church officials of those days encouraged, supported and even mandated inquisitions and crusades. The civil rulers of those days inflicted punishment on those who would disrupt domestic peace by Satanic or false worship.
Unfortunately, sometimes men and women masquerading as Catholics caused the death of persons they unjustly accused.
(A contemporary comparison might be the U.S. law enforcement officers and judges who have been accused of falsely convicting innocent people of drug dealing in order that they might confiscate their

money and property to benefit themselves.)
Almost always, however, both the innocent and the guilty during the Age of the Church had the opportunity to repent and confess their sins to a priest so they might enjoy everlasting paradise.
Also, when evils became apparent during the inquisition, the crusades and other defenses of the Faith, Catholic bishops and popes took steps to protect the innocent.
Anyone looking for the true story of the Catholic Church would have great difficulty finding it today. For the last few decades JP-2 and bishops around the world have been busy apologizing for what Catholics did during the past while urging us to unite with those who worship false gods.
In fact, JP-2 himself, hosted a get-together in Italy where all the representatives from the false religions of the world, including a Canadian shaman, gathered under the roof of the cathedral Assissi. That action proclaimed to the world that to Catholic heretics, "truth has no value."
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Missing surgeons has effect on local patients, says doc

THERE'S A growing list of local people who can't get orthopedic surgery done because specialist positions in Prince Rupert and in Kitimat remain vacant, says a local doctor.

Dr. Geoff Appleton says he has nearly 10 such cases himself and, based on that, puts the figure in Terrace and area into the three digits when the cases of other physicians are factored in.

"There's got to be a couple of hundred people and that's just Terrace," he said.

Appleton says his cases are not critical but do apply to

improving the quality of life of his patients.

Should patients decide to go elsewhere for procedures, they face a financial burden, he said.

"Prince George is not an option for elective stuff as they have troubles of their own," said Appleton. "And that means going down south but the problem with that is you have to go down first and somebody says 'yes, you need orthopedic surgery.' You may have to go four or five times and go on a waiting list for two or three months and that gets expensive," he added.

Appleton is the northern representative on the B.C. Medical Association board. He favours basing the region's two orthopedic surgeons in Terrace and arranging for them to make regular surgical visits to Kitimat and to Prince Rupert. He's been joined in that call by other specialists based in Terrace. The suggestion is the same as was the case in the early 1990s when Kitimat had trouble recruiting an orthopedic surgeon.

"Kitimat isn't professionally attractive as there is no backup of other specialists and there's no CT scan or nuclear medicine on the doorstep," said Appleton.

Yet even if the orthopedic surgery service was located in Terrace, measures would still have to be taken to safeguard services in Kitimat, said Appleton. Over the years the hospital has relied on having an orthopedic surgeon on staff to support other kinds of services.

One such example is an anesthetist with the result that caesarean sections can also be done in Kitimat.

"If you lose an anesthetist, you lose the ability to do c-sections and that can be a real dilemma in a small town," said Appleton. "So what our guys are suggesting is that if there were orthopedics based in Terrace, there would be regularly-scheduled (surgical) days in Kitimat to keep those other services there."

Appleton said it hasn't made much sense over the years for Terrace to be regarded as a major trauma centre yet be without an orthopedic surgeon.

"The patient would come here, be stabilized and then shipped to Kitimat to have their bones fixed. It has not made an awful lot of sense," he said.

Having two orthopedic surgeons in the same city would also help when it comes to sharing on-call duties, Appleton added.

From front

Surgical debate

share call (the system where one specialist is always on standby in case of an emergency) and to plan vacations."

Slater said the consolidation recommendation has been made "in the form of a pretty strong message" from the health ministry to the community health council in Kitimat which runs medical services there.


And she said the health ministry is conducting a review on orthopedics in the northwest to determine what makes the most sense.

Kitimat health care official say they have yet to be officially informed of the ministry's position and that they are still actively looking for a replacement orthopedic surgeon.

"The ministry needs to be upfront with the health council, and for it to interfere now could really have a negative impact on regional planning," said Pamela Seitz, the acting chief executive officer of the Kitimat community health council. "I would suggest the ministry doesn't want us to recruit an orthopedic surgeon."

Seitz said community health councils can work things out between themselves without having the ministry involved. Regional co-operation can work when it comes to on-call duties and holidays even if one surgeon is in Kitimat and one is in Prince Rupert, she added.


Having those communities recruit together to present a regional orthopedic plan to potential replacements is an option, said Seitz.



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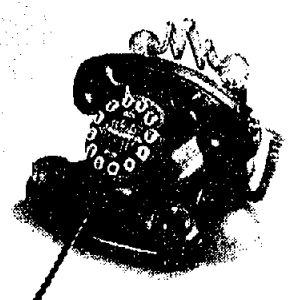
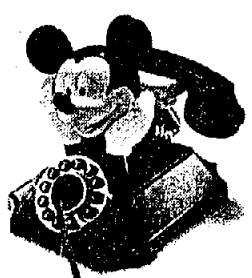







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Pelkey says the money is worth it because 30 per cent of all road fatalities involve alcohol. In 1997, alcohol played a factor in 114 deaths in B.C. and \$270 million in ICBC claims.

Local RCMP officers set up 91 road checks and stopped 1,800 vehicles from May to Nov. 22 in 1998. They charged six people with impaired driving and issued 79 24-hour driving suspensions.

Cnst. Kurt Grabinsky, Terrace's crime prevention officer, said officers here will also vary the location of road checks as the season gets busier.

"We're just there to remind people that it's not safe to be drinking and driving," he said.

SCI extends payments again

SKEENA CELLULOSE has once again begun extending its payment schedule.

The company has sent out letters to contractors and suppliers saying it will end its year-long practice of paying in advance shift to 14-day payment terms as of Jan. 1.

Advance payments were brought in on the advice of consultant Ralph Torney in an effort to help struggling contractors and rebuild Skeena Cellulose's reputation after predecessor Repap B.C. extended payment terms to 90 days and then left massive bills unpaid.

"We've been wanting to do this for quite a long time," Skeena Cellulose spokesman Don McDonald said.

He said the move to 14-day terms will help the company's cashflow and eliminate accounting hassles connected to advance payments.

"The difficulty is it's almost double bookkeeping," McDonald added. "It's administratively expensive not only for us but for contractors."

But contractors aren't happy with the way Skeena Cellulose is simply imposing the change without first talking to them. Justin Rigsby, of Alm-Wood Contracting, says many contractors understood that for business reasons the advance payments would have to eventually be phased out.

Dictating new payment terms, however, brings back bad memories of how the company used to operate.

"We're reverting back to five years ago when they just said we're paying you in 90 days and that's the end of it," Rigsby said. "There is a lot of history there and there's still a lot of bad sentiments as far as what's happened."

McDonald said the terms are still a long way from the industry standard of 30- to 45-day payment terms.

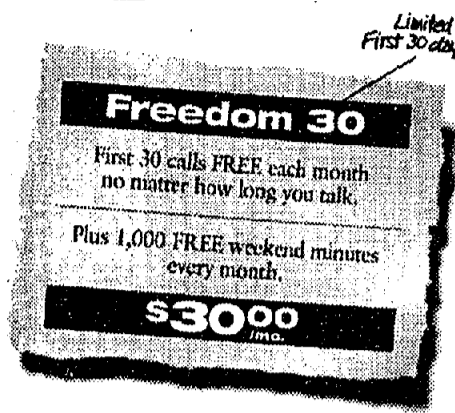
But Rigsby noted West Fraser pays local logging contractors 10 days after a bimonthly cutoff date. "SCI has to build some goodwill in the community because of what's happened and it is trying to do that," Rigsby said.

"But by imposing payment terms without some sort of solicitation or exchange of thoughts between the supplier and SCI — I don't think that creates any goodwill."

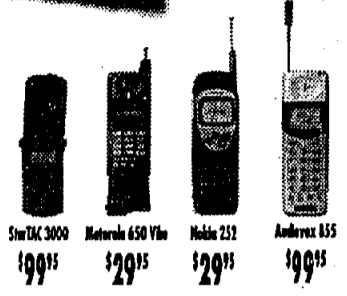
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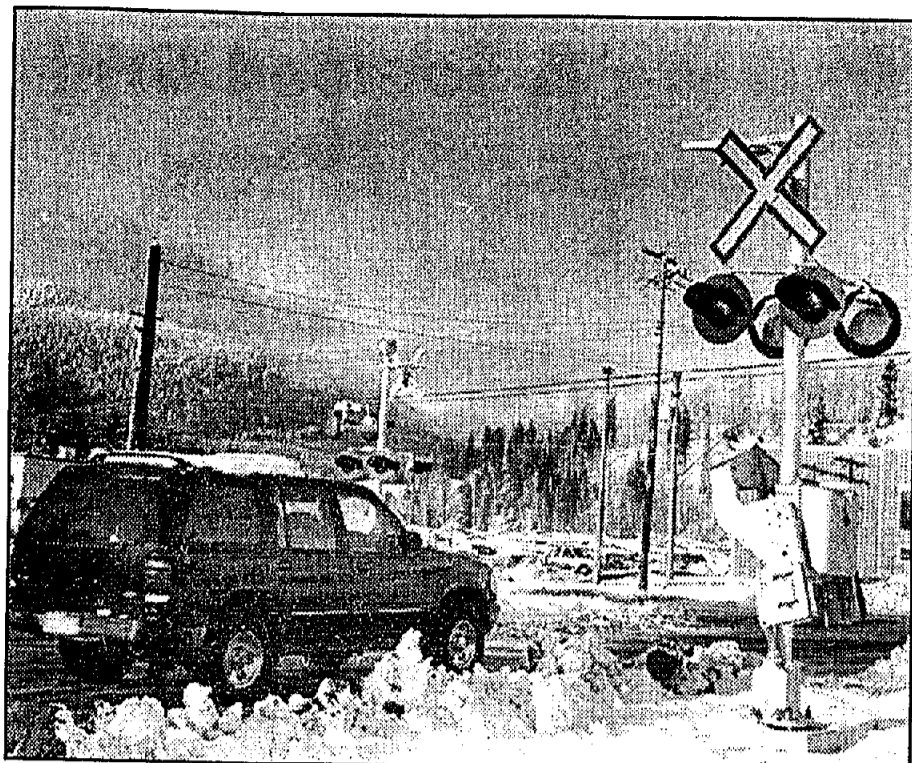
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CITY COUNCIL is opposing a move by Transport Canada and CN Rail to band heavy trucks from using the Frank St. railway crossing near Skeena Sawmills.

City holding firm on crossing fracas

THE CITY won't surrender quickly in its battle with Transport Canada and CN Rail over use of the Frank St. railway crossing.

Councillor David Hull persuaded the rest of city council to freeze a bylaw at third reading last week that would have bent to Transport Canada demands and banned northbound heavy truck traffic from the crossing.

Hull said the move would have redirected all the area's big chip trucks onto Kenney St. — something the city and Skeena Cellulose paid big bucks to avoid when they cost-shared the \$1 million reconstruction of the western part of Keith Ave. and Frank St. two years ago.

"It just doesn't make sense," Hull said. "I think we're caving in and we should stand up for ourselves."

Transport Canada had threatened to invoke powers some councillors likened to the War Measures Act if the city does not comply.

The agency is concerned about the danger if a train comes when a large truck sits straddling the railway tracks waiting to get onto the highway.

Hull ridiculed Transport Canada claims that one relatively easy solution — slowing train traffic by 10km per hour in that spot — would cause scheduling backups all the way to Montreal.

Another solution is to install traffic lights at the intersection of Frank and Hwy 16, but the highways ministry is reluctant to do that because it would require the addition of expensive acceleration and deceleration lanes on the highway.

CN Rail also rejected the city's suggestion the railway be shifted further south at

Frank St.

Hull said Transport Canada claim that the little-used crossing in Terrace is at the top of its list of safety priorities across Canada was simply not believable.

The city was to ban northbound trucks longer than 12 metres as a temporary measure and continue to seek a long-term solution.

But Hull said a better answer must be found now, predicting the temporary fix will otherwise become permanent.

Putting heavy traffic onto Kenney will congest the street and cause truck transmission problems and road damage because of big trucks starting and stopping on the slope up to that railway crossing.

Councillor Olga Power opposed Hull, fearing the city's possible liability if it doesn't comply.

But councillors Val George, Rich McDaniel and Ron Vanderlee joined Hull in voting to table third reading of the bylaw to as late as March 31 to give more time to pursue the issue.

Hull said the whole issue seems to have sprung from the city's refusal to pay for the cost of replacing crossing arms that are regularly ripped off by trucks at the Frank St. crossing. The city had suggested abandoning arms there and just using flashing warning lights.

He said that irritated CN and Transport Canada and said they now seem determined to get their way — no matter how unreasonable it is.

"It got a bee under their bonnet," he said. "They said 'What? Somebody defied us? Who are these people out in the out-back of B.C.?'"

Feds spend big bucks to buy fish licences

LESS THAN nine per cent of all commercial licence holders that sent in voluntary retirement forms in November will be getting any federal money.

Ninety-nine out of the 1124 applications that were originally sent in were accepted, said federal retirement coordinator Rita Purdon.

The licences account for \$23.4 million in federal money fisheries minister David Anderson announced last June to offset west coast salmon closures in 1998.

The voluntary licence retirement program is part of a \$400 million compensation package scheduled to rebuild the fisheries industry and help people and communities adjust to the changing fishery. Two million dollars of that money has been set aside for voluntary licence retirement.

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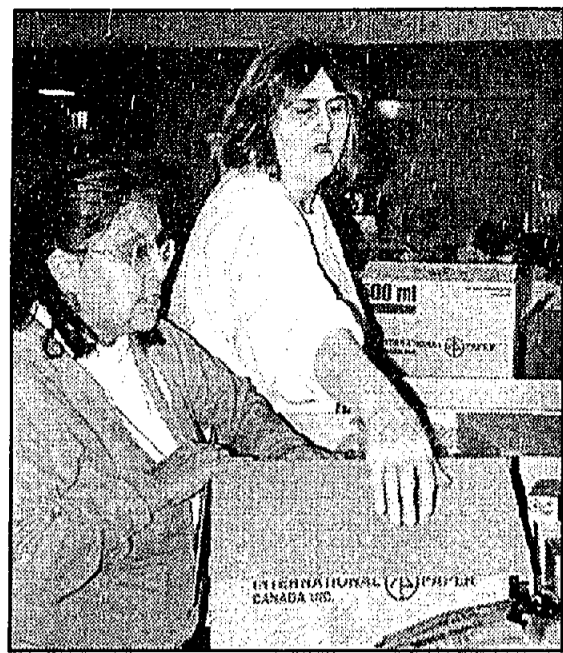
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Nisga'a polling costs \$150,000

THE PROVINCIAL government spent more than \$150,000 taking the pulse of British Columbians on the Nisga'a treaty in a six-month period.

The money was spent on opinion polls and focus groups for the six months ending the middle of October, a crucial period leading up to a significant provincial push to gain public acceptance of the treaty in preparation for its ratification. But the information gathered from the polls and focus groups isn't being released.

Provincial officials used a section of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act to deny a freedom of information request filed by *The Terrace Standard*. It's appealing the decision.

Peter MacMillan, a University of Northern B.C. professor experienced in polling and focus groups, said it's difficult to tell if the \$151,052 spent by the province is excessive without knowing the amount of work that was carried out.

He's not surprised the provincial government would spend money on polls and focus groups to tell it how an important issue such as the Nisga'a treaty is viewed by the public and then to develop communications strategy from the results.

"Governments take information and try to manipulate things to their position. It's part of the information game," said MacMillan.

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'Direct action' vowed by natives

GITANYOW natives will likely take direct action early in the New Year to protect their territory, says Gitanyow chief negotiator Glen Williams.

"It's the favourite topic in the community right now," Williams said last week after continuing unsuccessful efforts to resolve the native group's land claim overlap with the Nisga'a.

"There are lots of volunteers and lots of ideas," he said, declining to specify what might be in the works.

Last summer Williams said the Gitanyow might bar provincial government employees from their territory if a court action didn't resolve the problem.

Frustration is at an all-time high, he said, because the province is about to ratify the Nisga'a treaty, handing parts of Gitanyow territory as well as fish and wildlife rights in the disputed upper Nass valley to the Nisga'a.

"They're quite concerned, they're quite afraid," he said. "Potentially all our food supply we rely on from the territory, all the fishing, all the hunting is being threatened."

Barring successful mediation with the Nisga'a or an out-of-court agreement with the province, the Gitanyow will go to B.C. Supreme Court Jan. 18 and argue that the province negotiated in bad faith with them by signing the Nisga'a treaty without first resolving the overlap.

A meeting with premier Glen Clark last Wednesday was unproductive, Williams said.

"We're quite disappointed. They're not very committed to taking our issues seriously," he said.

He said the Gitanyow want accelerated negotiations for co-management of the land and revenue sharing. That's similar to the negotiations now underway between their cousins, the Gitksan, and the province in the wake of the Gitksan's *Delgamuukw* land claim court victory a year ago.

Williams said the province has offered little incentive to the Gitanyow, and is still insisting the group follow its

conventional formula for determining the amount of money and land in any treaty.

"We should be talking about title. We should be talking about revenue-sharing and other principles coming out of *Delgamuukw* that would give us some signal they're negotiating in good faith," he added. "They weren't offering us anything. We were miles apart on the existing policy."

Instead of looking at co-management of the entire traditional territory, he said, the province wants the Gitanyow to select about eight per cent of their 16,800 square kilometre traditional territory — or about 1,350 square kilometres.

As for cash, Williams said he's seen positions on paper of \$40,000 to \$70,000 a head. That would translate to a total of \$80 million to \$140 million for the 2,000 Gitanyow.

Williams said the Gitanyow remain open to possibilities that could avoid a court case, but said he's not optimistic.

"I don't think there's any interest on the part of the government," Williams said. "It leads us right back to court. They're going to move on their timing of the Nisga'a final agreement. They want that done sometime in February I believe."

B.C. Supreme Court Justice L.P. Williamson last month rejected provincial demands that the Gitanyow challenge of the Nisga'a treaty requires a full trial — something that would have pushed it back much further.

He agreed to allow the Gitanyow to press part of their case in the expedited hearing set for next month.

The judge, however, said a full trial will be required on the second Gitanyow argument that the Nisga'a final agreement is a violation of the Crown's duty to the Gitanyow and contrary to their duty to negotiate in good faith.

If successful, Williams said, the Gitanyow hope to tap into the Nisga'a treaty "to siphon off our lands and resources from the Nisga'a final agreement."

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WHAT?

CHARLYNN TOEWS

Sinister Bakers

Other than hanging out with the butcher and the candlestick maker, the baker has been largely ignored in popular culture.

Other trades are over-represented: private eyes, tailors, warriors, milk maids and cops show up more often.

If a baker or two does appear, like in *In the Night Kitchen* by Maurice Sendak, they tend to be roly-poly and apple-cheeked.

But an ominous transformation is occurring in the presented image of the baker. Two recent movies are guilty of besmirching the stellar reputation of the flour-dusted maker of bread and cake.

First, there is 1993's *Short Cuts* by director Robert Altman. A woman orders a birthday cake from a baker on a Saturday to be ready Monday for her little boy's birthday party. He gets hit by a car Monday morning and is in hospital. His mom and dad take shifts at his bed. When dad goes home to shower and eat, the phone rings. A sinister voice says, "Have you forgotten about your son?" then hangs up.

It is the baker calling, annoyed at the \$14 owed him and the forgotten decorated cake, but the dad doesn't know this. It is extremely creepy.

Why is the baker so mean? He says later, "I don't know how to act any more." We get the impression it is the baking, the constant unrelenting baking, that has made him so bitter and cynical.

Nicolas Cage plays the twisted baker in *Moonstruck*, that 1987 movie with Cher. He is insane in a passionate way and apparently has a broken heart. "Yes, I'm bitter," he says. He goes on to say he lost his love and all he does every day is bake, bake, bake. Once again the viewer is led to believe that it is the process of mixing flour and fat and moving dough in and out of ovens that has contributed to the ruination of the man.

Now, where is this coming from? Did something happen to these film makers that put them off baking? When they think "mean weirdo hairy guy?" does the image of a baker immediately spring to mind?

Perhaps Altman liked the contrast between the sweetness and prettiness of the decorated cake and the sour ugliness of the baker.

Did Nicolas Cage relish the opportunity to play with fire in a subterranean dungeon? His character's bakery used wood-fired ovens in a dark basement. I guess we are supposed to say, "Oh, I see. This shows how the character has created his own hell." Cher takes him upstairs like an angel.

It is true that bakers often work in the dark. Maurice Sendak said in an interview he had wondered, as a child, why bakers worked at night. That was the inspiration for his children's book *In the Night Kitchen*. I know why. You start your day at 3:00 in the morning or so that fresh baked goods are ready when your customers are up and about. So when the store part of the bakery opens at 7:00 or 8:00 or 9:00, there you are.

And it is true that the store part is usually up top or out front, while the ovens are down below or at the back. Naturally, it's more convenient for your customers to enter at street level, just steps from the sidewalk.

But in both movies neither baker is all bad. Cher marries Nicolas Cage at the end, after all. And Altman's baker ends up apologizing, serving the parents warm rolls, feeding and comforting them.

Perhaps it is the dual nature of the baker the film makers are exploring. The darkness and passion of the mysterious ovens as contrasted with the lightness, the civility, and the basic goodness of the row of loaves in the storefront.

And, of course, bread has always been the staff of life and is also modern slang for exchanges between people. There's all that.

On a recent trip to Winnipeg, I went to a trendy cafe/bakery with my sister. We pecked through to the back. "Are those the ovens there?" I asked the hostess.

"No," she said. "They are all downstairs." "Why do you want to see the ovens?" my sister asked me. I didn't really know why, so I ignored her.

I asked our waiter, "Are there any bakers on the premises at the present moment?"

He said, "I don't know. They are all downstairs." I think my sister was embarrassed. "Oh, Char, why do you need to see baker?" she asked. Again, I didn't know why.

I still don't know. Why do any of us need to see a baker? What is it that a baker can show us? I know they are not as sinister as Hollywood would have us believe, but maybe I just wanted to see, to make sure.

Sweating before Christmas

EIGHT INMATES from the Terrace Community Correctional Centre spent three and a half hours Dec. 8 purifying their bodies in a traditional sweat ceremony.

The ceremony took place in the correctional centre's first sweat lodge, which is located on the grounds.

Inmates raised money to build the sweat lodge themselves by selling native crafts and artwork.

The day after the first sweat, inmate Lewis Azak was still feeling the steam's aftereffects.

"It got so hot in there it burned my shoulder and neck," Azak said.

Native inmates have been asking for permission to build a sweat lodge at the centre for years, but it wasn't until new director Rob Davies arrived in September that the go-ahead was given.

Since the majority of correctional centres in B.C. have sweat lodges, Davies agreed the Terrace Correctional Centre should have one as well.

"The culture here is so rich," he said. "My question was why didn't they have one."

Davies said sweat lodges have a positive effect on inmates.

After a sweat, he said, a real transformation in people takes place.

"They become much more settled and at ease with what they're doing and more in tune with heritage issues," he said. "After a sweat you get a special feeling."

Two inmates, Archie Morrison and Ron Tenalle, were in charge of building the



Archie Morrison was one of the inmates at the Terrace Community Correctional Centre who helped

build the centre's first sweat lodge. Inmates will be allowed to sweat once a week.

sweat lodge, which took four days to construct.

Morrison said it was important for people to sweat because the ceremony relaxes people.

"It makes you feel at ease," he said. "After a sweat you get a special feeling."

Sweat lodges have traditionally helped native bands

gain mental, emotional and spiritual balance.

"You go in there to pray for Mother Earth, women, relations and yourself," Morrison said.

Davies said inmates worked very hard to build the lodge and to raise money to buy the materials to build it.

Inmates said Davies was

so supportive of the project, he donated the canvas used for the roof of the hut.

After only four months in Terrace, Davies left the city last Thursday. He was offered a job as director for the Prince George Regional Correctional Centre. His position here has yet to be filled.

After the sweat, inmates

enjoyed a huge traditional feast, which included smoked salmon, oolichans, herring eggs, moose roast, soap berries, fish on bannock and fried bread.

Benita Chappelaine, native liaison for the correctional centre said the inmates' bellies were so full, they all slept in the next morning!



WHAT A BEAUTY: Ron Lennan, Evan Fortner, and George Desjardins are members of the Terrace Model Airplane Club. The 22-pound plane has a six-foot wingspan and is powered by a 52cc gas engine.

Forty years have flown by

RON LENNAN isn't a registered pilot, but he's been flying airplanes for more than 40 years.

Flying model airplanes, that is.

Lennan, a founding member of the Terrace Model Airplane Club, is celebrating the club's 40th anniversary this year.

He said he keeps flying year after year because it's a real thrill.

"The feeling is just like catching a big coho," he said.

Fellow club member Evan Fortner agrees. He still gets nervous for his first flight every spring.

"The knees start rattling," he said. "It's an adrenaline

rush." But it's not the fear of crashing that makes him nervous. It's worrying about the kinds of mechanical problems the plane could run into once it's in the air.

It's also worrying about making sure his hand-eye coordination is up to snuff — the planes are radio controlled from the ground.

According to club members, flying an airplane is no easy task.

"You can't just build a plane and expect to fly it," said George Desjardins, president of the club. "You'd have to be quite fortunate to do that."

That's because it takes a lot of practice to master take

offs, rolls, spins and knife-edges. Some planes fly up to 202 miles an hour.

"Anything they can do in a real aircraft we can do better," he said. "Because we're not afraid to crash!"

Desjardins said the airplanes are as much of a hobby to him as a sport.

He enjoys the building process because he finds it relaxing. He said it normally takes him a few months to build a plane, depending on how intricate it is.

A beginner starter kit, he said, costs about \$600.

Presently the club (40 members) uses a private field on River Drive for flying. But members want a field of their own so they

can promote their sport better.

"We're just guests here," said Desjardins. "We're pretty limited with what we can do."

Members have asked city council for the use of the Terrace Sanitary Landfill site when it closes in two years.

Desjardins said the club wants a field where flyers from all over the Northwest can bring their families to fly.

If anyone is interested in flying planes, please call George Desjardins at 638-0787. The club is always eager to teach others the skills to become builders and flyers.

Around Town

Excited about A Bug's Life

MAUREN AND Pat Ogawa can't wait to see this season's blockbuster movie *A Bug's Life* especially since their son-in-law, Adam Wood, helped create the movie. Wood, who is married to their daughter Joanne, is a computer animator for Pixar, the digital studio that created the film. Joanne and Adam live in San Francisco.

Pay no fines

FINE FREE DAYS will take place at the Terrace Public Library between Dec. 24 and Jan. 1. Bring back all overdue materials and pay no fines (existing fines excluded). For more information call the library at 638-8177.

College student praised

AT A RECENT ceremony, Red Deer college recognized Terrace resident Stephen Downie for his academic achievement, diligence in studies, positive influence in the learning environment and his involvement in campus and community activities.

CITY SCENE

BAR SCENE

▲GATOR'S PUB is offering a sample of the best local band scene this Christmas with Fair Warning, Kingfish, Greywolf and Glasshead. Don't forget to pick up your tickets to the New Year's Eve bash.

▲BEASLEY'S MIX: features large screen TVs showing your favorite sporting event. Come and watch your favorite team while snacking on chicken wings - only .25 cents each between 2-7 p.m. Friday is prime rib night.

ART GALLERY

▲The Terrace Art Gallery presents: **QUILTS 1999:** a variety of quilts made by local quilters will be on display in the upper Art Gallery. **LAND ESCAPES:** Oil paintings by artist Judith Lapadat from Prince George will be on display from Jan. 8-31. Opening night reception is on Friday, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m.



CONCERT SOCIETY

▲The Terrace Concert Society presents

Winnipeg folk music artists **WYRD SISTERS** Saturday, January 9 at 8 p.m. at the R.E.M. Lee Theatre. Tickets cost \$23.50 and are available at Erwin's in the Skeena Mall.

Coming up Jan 22 is th Chilean-Canadian guitarist Oscar Lopez. His "flaming fingers" will wow audiences, as will his sensuous latin rythms.

MAGIC

▲The Terrace Little Theatre presents a cabaret-style show of magic, mentalism and illusion featuring stand up comedian and magical entertainer John Paterson and illusionist Lon Madrake. The show takes place at the Best Western Inn January 15th and 16th at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at Uniglobe Courtesy Travel.

THEATRE

▲Coming up is Norm Foster's play *The Motor Trade*, directed by Gordon Oates. The adult comedy is set in the showroom of a car dealership on a stormy winter day. The play runs from Jan. 28-20 and Feb. 4-6 and Feb. 11-13.

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Community Calendar

THIS COULD BE YOUR SPACE

THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST music festival would like to remind all teachers and students that the entry deadline is Jan. 15. For more info call Kelly at 635-1579.

Thursday, December 24
TERRACE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH presents "a Candlelight Celebration of Christmas in Story and Song" starting at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, January 11
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS of B.C. invites all members and other child-care providers to their annual general meeting at 7 p.m. at Kids At Play child care centre (Terrace Pentecostal Assembly) at 3511 Eby St. Please use the back entrance. For more info call The Family Place at 638-1863. Everyone welcome.

Wednesday, January 13
PARENTING AFTER SEPARATION workshop will be held in the Terrace public library at 7 p.m. Pre-registration is required (toll free at 1-888-456-2876 or 847-2876.) Another workshop will take place Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. at the library.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST MUSIC festival committee meeting takes place at 3639 Krumm Road at 8 p.m. For more information call Kelly at 635-1579 or visit our website at www.kermode.net/musicfest98. All new members welcome.

Monday, January 18
TERRACE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTRE is hosting a women and smoking workshop. Come and talk with a public health nurse to discuss why women continue to smoke when they know it's bad for them. Do women smoke for different reasons than men? Is it more difficult for women to quit? The workshop is free, but pre-registration is appreciated. Call 638-0228 for more info.

Thursday, January 21
FAMILY SUPPORT INSTITUTE has no Dec. meeting. The next meeting is Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. Do you have a child with a disability, so do we. Come and talk to other parents who understand. Child-minding available at the Child Development Centre.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

WEDNESDAYS

PARENTS DROP IN to weigh babies takes place Wednesdays from 1-2 p.m. at the health services society (formerly Skeena Health Unit) at 3412 Kalum St.) Public health nurse on hand to answer questions.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST MUSIC FESTIVAL COMMITTEE meetings held every second Wed of the month.

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN meeting every Wednesday starting Sept. 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. at 3602 Sparks St. Free nursery for infants and toddlers. Call 635-9610 for more info.

TERRACE DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB meets Wednesday evenings at 6:45 at the Legion. Interested partnerships welcome. For more information contact 635-3788.

TERRACE ROD AND GUN Club meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7:15 p.m. at the rifle range clubhouse. Anyone interested in outdoor sports including fishing, hunting and shooting is invited to attend.

TERRACE COMMUNITY LEARNING council meets the first Wednesday of every month at the boardroom of the Ministry of Education at the BC Access Centre at 3 p.m. New members are welcome. For more info call Mary Anne at 635-5449.

TWIN'S CLUB meets the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Family Place. Call 635-9669.

KINETTE CLUB OF TERRACE meets every second Wednesday. New members are welcome. For more, call Fiona at 635-1854 or Jennifer at 635-3175.

747 ROYAL CANADIAN AIR CADETS Unicorn Squadron holds air cadet training sessions every Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. at the air cadet hall at the airport. For more info, call Linda at 635-5567.

TERRACE CENTENNIAL LIONS meet every second Wednesday at lunch at the Coast Inn of the West. For more info call John Whittington at 635-3209.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY dancing happens every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Knox United Church Hall at 4907 Lazelle Ave. For more info call 635-5163.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS Coffee Group meets every second Wednesday at the White Spot at 10 a.m. Call Lisa at 635-4974 for info.

LESBIAN DROP-IN happens noon hour on every third Wednesday of the month at the Terrace Women's Centre. Ask for Elizabeth or Maria.

ZAZEN MEDITATION takes place at 7 p.m. every Wednesday evening at the Terrace Buddhist Center. Everyone is welcome. For more info, call 638-8396 or 635-9242.

ALZHEIMERS SUPPORT AND EDUCATION GROUP's monthly meeting every second Wednesday of each month at the Terraceview Lodge from 3-4:40 p.m. Call Sandra at 638-0223 or Aveline 798-2581.

THURSDAYS

SATHYA SAI BABA Information centre holds weekly devotional singing from 7:30-9:15 p.m. Thursday nights. For more info call 635-9544 or 638-0433.

TERRACE PARENTS for French meet the last Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Kiti K'Shan school staff room. For more info call 635-0135.

AL-ANON offers a program of recovery for those whose lives have

been adversely affected by the problem of alcoholism in a relative, partner or friend. Meetings are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Terrace Women's Resource Center 4542 Park Ave. Call 635-4449.

BIG BROTHERS & Big Sisters hold a board meeting the third Thursday of every month at 3237 Kalum St. at 7:30 p.m. They're looking for volunteers and board members. Contact Lois at 635-4232 for more info.

THE TERRACE BRIDGE CLUB meets the second and fourth Thursday of every month. They get started Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Legion. Call Sue at 635-2345 or Anne at 798-2250 for more info. Newcomers are welcome.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at 3302 Sparks. Drop in. For more info call Diane at 638-2202 or 638-2056.

SKEENA VALLEY CAR CLUB meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at A&W on Keith. Call Bob at 635-9214 for info.

CHRONIC PAIN SUPPORT

GROUP meets the third Thursday of every month at 2 p.m. in the Skeena Health Unit Auditorium. The group fights pain with education, laughter, sharing and caring. For more information, call Pat at 635-5078 or Diane at 638-8587.

KINSMEN CLUB of Terrace meets the first and third Thursday of each month until June. The Kinsmen seek to build and maintain a first class community. For more info call Bruce at 635-6316.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Skeena Health Unit auditorium. Weigh-in at 6 p.m. For more info call Joan at 635-0998.

SATURDAYS

FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE (genealogy) at the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints is open Saturdays from 9-1 p.m. and Wednesdays from 7-10 p.m.

SUNDAYS

CHALKY'S BILLIARDS pool

tournament held Sundays at 2 p.m. starting Sept. 27. There is a \$10 entry fee. Address: 4662 Lakelse Ave.

TERRACE BAHAI community offers weekly classes in spiritual education for children. For more info call 635-4595.

TERRACE HORSESHOE CLUB meets Sundays at 1 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. to pitch horseshoes. You don't need to bring your own set to play. They meet at the Horseshoe pitch at North Sparks and Halliwell (beside Heritage Village and the Kin Hut). Beginners and all ages welcome.

MONDAYS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share thier experience, strength, and hope, in order to solve their common problems. There are two meetings held each week. Monday at Mills Memorial Hospital, conference room in psychiatric unit at 7:30 p.m. and Thursday at the Terrace Women's Resource Centre. For more info call 638-8643.

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Tristan BROWN
Kaya DOWNS
Shawn FAGAN
Timothy HARGREAVES
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Jessica HOVANES
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Crystal RAPOSO
Catherine RENAUD
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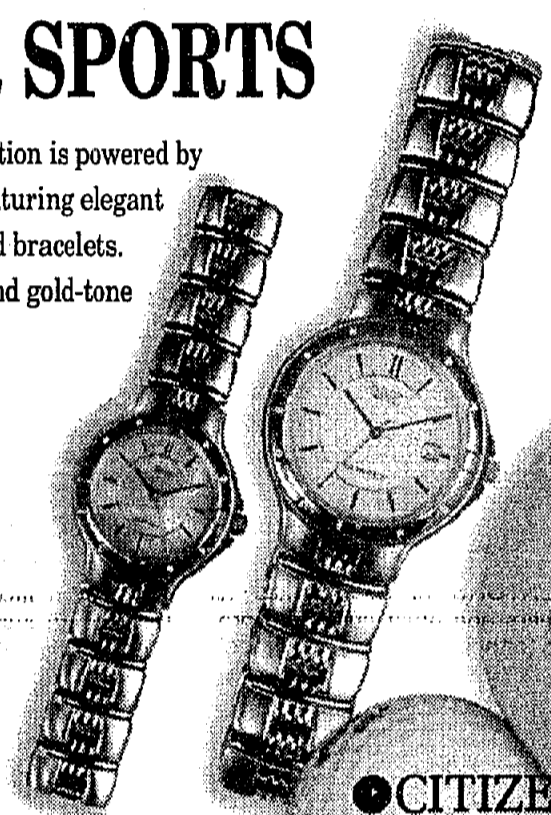
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Volunteers needed for bird count

By Diane Weismiller
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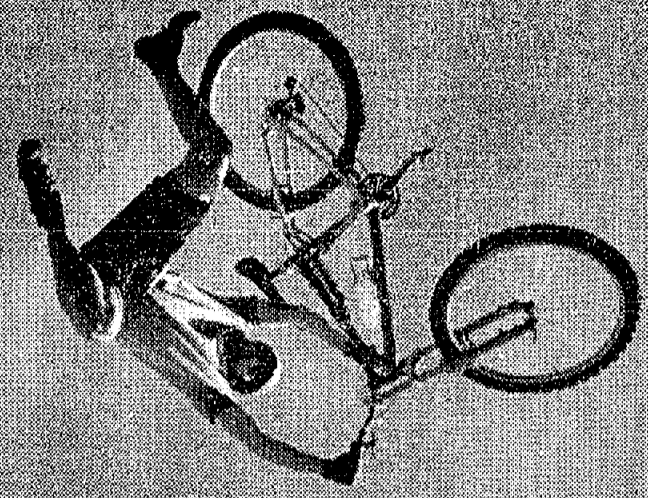
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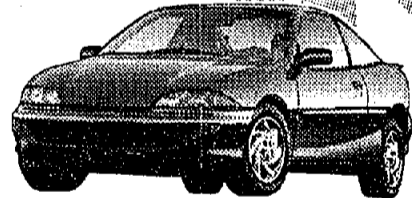
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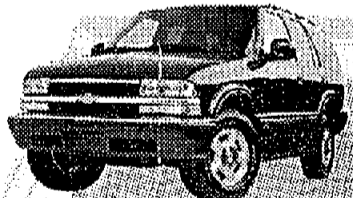
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Merry Christmas

Modern Christmas comes with tales of yesteryear

YOU MAY have missed the throng of school children from the Nass Valley village of Lakalzap (Greenville) this past weekend amidst the crowds of last minute shoppers.

Complete with lists of things to buy, the trip for the Greenville Elementary School students to Terrace marked the culmination of the Christmas season at the school.

Christmas preparations at the school begin in late November as students prepare decorations and then put them up around the school.

The grand event is the Christmas concert, held the night before school gets out for the holiday season.

Concert planning comes under the guidance of Charles Davis, the school's Nisga'a culture and language teacher.

With the assistance of other teachers and of parents, Davis organizes the three-hour event.

His message is that while Christmas is a time for gift giving, it has another very special meaning.

"It is about the birth of Jesus Christ, the true meaning of Christmas. It is about sharing, love and family," says Davis.

He brings the message home during the concert which is in two parts, Christmas songs and skits in English and then performances in Nisga'a.

There is also a visit by Santa Claus and treats for all which puts children on their best behaviour.

"We have a real houseful," says Davis of the concert.

It's a particular treat for families as college students and others returning home filter into the concert as it progresses.

"You really never know who is going to walk in the door," notes Davis.

The return of family to Greenville for the holidays swells its population.

Davis, for instance, is welcoming home a daughter taking her second year at Northwest Community College.

The school concert has been a tradition for as long as Davis can remember.

"It's a really nice gala and it triggers the Christmas celebrations. It puts everybody in the right frame of mind," he notes.

The concert begins with an opening prayer from village elder Mildred Stephens. She's been doing it for years and was already a fixture when Davis began his job at the school 13 years ago.

"She's a living legend," says Davis of the role Stephens takes on at the concert.

There's also a speech by the school principal, Ray Skelly, as he recounts the events of the school year to parents and visitors.

And there's food, prepared by the school's parent advisory committee.

Davis also takes the time to tell the students that the things they now enjoy weren't available when he and others were young.

"I tell them there was no running water, or inside toilets. How you used to get up at 6 a.m. and chop wood and get water," he says.

Although Greenville is now connected by a bridge across the Nass River to the road leading to New Aiyansh and then south to Terrace, it was very different in years gone by.

"It was very difficult to travel back then, especially when the cold winter season approached."

"The ladies and men were true pioneers back then because the temperatures were extremely cold and we had to cross the thin ice and assist the ladies who were pregnant."

"I remember some people who lost their lives trying to cross the Nass River."

All of that and more is important for children to learn and to think about during Christmas, Davis concludes.



The whole village gets involved

A TRADITION that dates back generations is taking place this month in the Nass Valley Nisga'a village of Lakalzap.

December nights are filled with events centered around a Christmas season of community activities.

Planning begins early as different village clubs vie for the right to be the host organization for everything from basketball games to community dinners during Christmas month.

The band council chooses the club with the best bid and the club then uses the various functions to raise money for its various activities throughout the year.

The winning bid this year was shared between the Greenville Athletic Club and the Greenville Athletic Guild.

One of two co-chairs running this year's events is Matthew Bright Jr. and it's his first time in such a role.

"I've been to every one since I was a child," he adds.

"It's a whole lot of work to put this together," says Bright of the activities which begin early in the month with basketball tournaments

and ending with an adult New Year's Eve social.

The key is activity for youth and the beginning event in early December is a junior basketball tournament with teams divided along the Nisga'a houses of killer whale, wolf, eagle and raven.

"The winning team gets bragging rights for the next year," notes Bright.

Activities heighten as the month goes on, gaining momentum the closer the days come to Christmas week.

There's a contest for a Snow Queen, a Christmas parade and a teen ball Dec. 30.

The big event is a reunion dinner Boxing Day, Dec. 26, for people who have returned to the village for the holidays.

"Our college students have come home and the families get together," says Bright.

"This is the one time of the year when the men serve the dinner." The village's community hall is the focus for all of the events and

hundreds of people take part during the month.

Although the two clubs are sharing the sponsoring duties this year, the tradition is to rely on other organizations for assistance.

"A lot of volunteers are required and everybody helps out," Bright continues.

The Greenville Athletic Club and Greenville Athletic Guild will use the money raised to help meet the expenses of sending sports teams out of the valley for tournaments.

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For the past 35 years, members of the Order have been making Christmas wreaths and donating the money raised from them to various organizations.

This year the women made 500 wreaths, which cost \$10 each, and the money derived from them is being given to the Cancer Society.

"Every year we have our faithful customers and a few new ones, too," said Jacque Hancock, whose been making wreaths for more than 18 years.

Hancock said the whole process begins when their husbands and fellow masons start gathering cedar and pine boughs.

She said everything is done by the books — the men get permits allowing them to prune local cedar and pine trees.

Once all the boughs are gathered, about a dozen women wire them together and wait about a week for the wreaths to dry out.

The funnest part of the process, Hancock said is the decorating. Ribbons, bobbles and pine cones are carefully tied to the wreaths with care.

Afterwards, the wreaths are sprayed with white paint to give them a real Christmas feel.

"People really like them," said Betty Ann



A MEMBER of the Order of Eastern Star puts bobbles and cones on a Christmas wreath.

Muller, who has been making wreaths for more than 25 years.

"It's so nice to see them around town. I look forward to seeing them at the bank and at friends houses."

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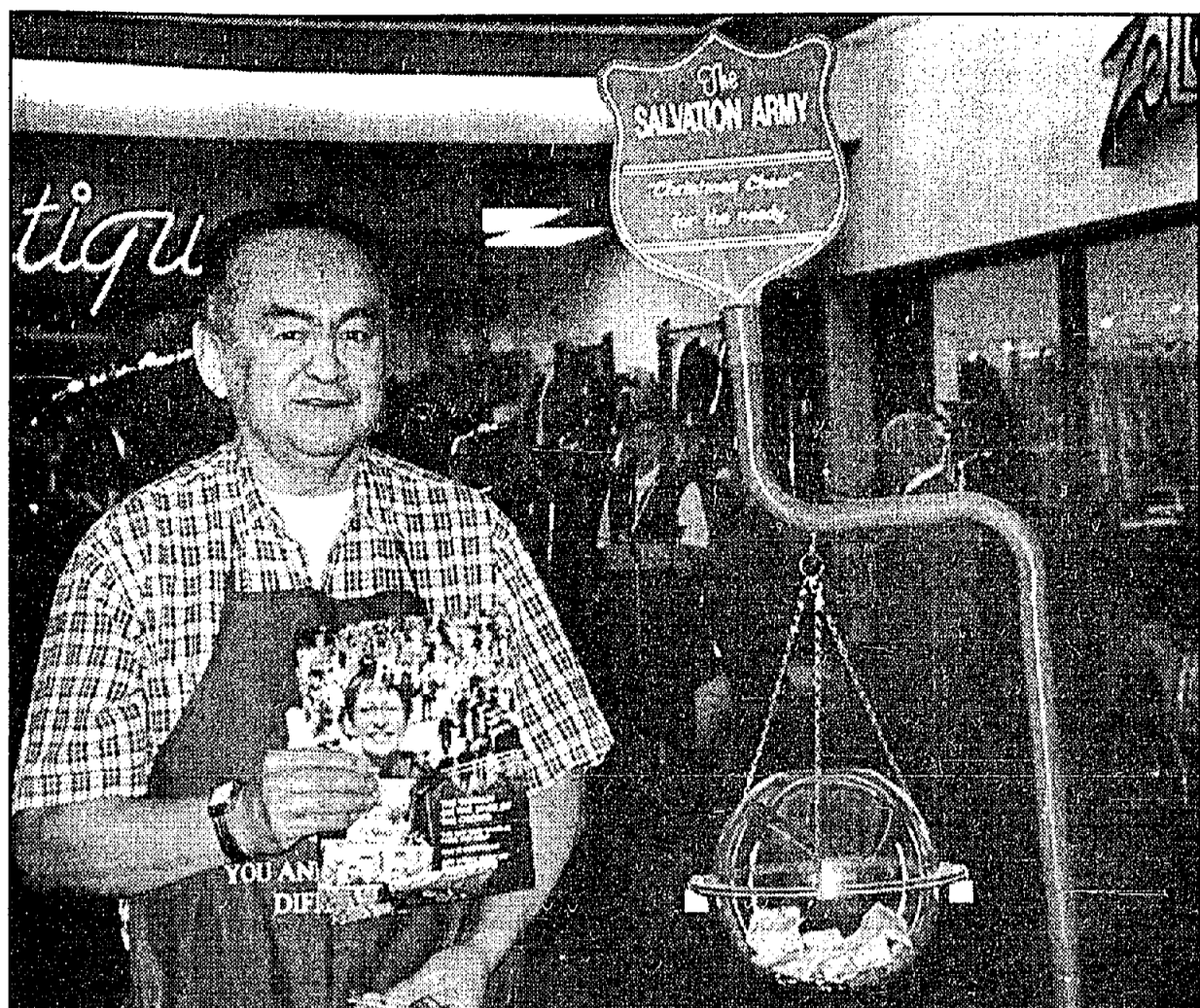
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The spirit of giving

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Turner volunteers weekends and weekdays manning Salvation Army

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A born-again Christian and a member of the Salvation Army Church, Turner's life revolves around giving.

He said he volunteers

because he enjoys helping needy people.

By the smile on his face and the cheery Christmas greeting he keeps repeating, it's not hard to tell he enjoys manning Christ-

mas kettles.

"It's the spirit of Christmas — giving not receiving," he said.

This is his second year volunteering for the Salvation Army.

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A Kenyan Christmas has a few signs of one here

By MARY STEEVES
FOR WEEKS, I've been watching for MY idea of signs of Christmas.

Here's what I've recorded. There was a small string of mini lights, about 10 lights in all, not plugged in but for sale, at Mama Wototo's and a red and green sparkly tassel in Henry's woven-grass fedora type hat.

There have been six or seven Christmas specials in the Nairobi Nation, including two small pictures of Santa Claus.

School children are on their end-of-year holidays and in the corner of the field the local children practise for the contest which will be held in a neighbouring village on Christmas Day.

Every day I hear the drumming and the whistle. Then I know that they are gathered there singing and dancing the traditional music. If and when an adult comes, then they also practise the Christmas carols in Kiswahili and the choral speaking of the Christmas story, also in Kiswahili.

They are all ages up to about 12 or 13. Some take turns being the conductors and the homemade drums are also shared. The rhythm is followed with hands, barefeet, hips and shoulders as they circle and chant and it seems so natural.

They are there for hours every day, usually in the late afternoon but sometimes in the morning, just when it is not too hot.

Usually there is a bit of an audience sitting or lying around on the grass. The drumming calls us all! It seems as if this "Christmas practice" is a very good excuse for a lot of dancing and singing!

Since I haven't been seeing many signs of Christmas for myself, I have also been asking people how

they will be celebrating Christmas.

I've been told that this is the time of year for new mud on the walls and floors of the bandas. The colour of the mud they use will depend on their area and their preference.

One banda I have seen was done with a light grey. It was very smooth with no cracks and rounded over the top of the wall and around the corners.

They may also decorate the mud with plant stencils or by drawing with banana sap, charcoal and the green from the poinsetta leaves. Further decorations could include Success cards, balloons, flowers and/or branches from the cypress tree decorated with pieces of cotton.



Mary Steeves

As in North America, families will be together for special food — chapati, ugali, maandazi, chicken stew and cake.

As in North America, families will be together for special food — chapati, ugali, maandazi, chicken stew and cake. Special clothes will be worn and special church services will be held both on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day.

There will only be a few matatus on the road and only a few dukas open to sell produce.

Finally I couldn't resist asking Anton if there was any gift exchange on Christmas Day. He looked a little puzzled and then remembered that at his church sometimes there was a small exchange under a tree.

If you wanted to give something to someone, then you could do it and the following year the recipient of your gift would probably give you something worth a

little bit more. Next year you would go to the tree expecting your gift.

As in Canada, Kenyans will observe Christmas in a variety of ways and as in Canada, some decisions are from choice and others are not.

One evening, while walking across the field with a young woman who I

'promote', (I buy produce from her duka), I asked how she was preparing for Christmas.

Her look and her tone of voice as she responded, "Christmas," suggested that I might have just dropped in from outer space. "Yes, Christmas," I replied. Her answer — "Nothing."

And the last question that I finally had to ask Everlyne Javala was, "What about Santa Claus?"

And here is her written answer, "Here in Kenya, I think people are not interested in Father Christmas. In some parts they have Father Christmas. Like in 1990 when I went to visit my uncles. They told me to go to the church to see Father Christmas. When I went there, I found a man in red wooly clothes with a big bag giving each child two sweets. He told us his name was Father Christmas. He prayed and went."

A teacher from Terrace, Mary Steeves is in Kakamega, Kenya working as a volunteer for The Canadian Harambee Education Society.

A Canadian non profit, non sectarian and non political organization, it provides scholarships for teenage girls to attend school.

The idea is to help young women succeed academically.

May the sights, sounds and joys of the holidays be with you throughout 1999.

Burga & Staff thank you for your patronage over the years. As of December 31, 1998, Hire A Logger portion of Northern Hearing & Safety Training will no longer be operating due to the Forest Industry economy

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4931-B KEITH AVE., TERRACE, B.C. V8G 1K7
PHONE: (250) 635-5500 • FAX: (250) 635-5524

Happy Holidays!

Here's wishing you everything sweet and wonderful this holiday season. Best wishes to you and yours in the coming year.

Sweet Season's Greetings!
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It's a great way to beat the stress the season can bring. Wishing you a comfortable Christmas and well-rested new year from all of us.

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1-800-813-1158

Merry Christmas

It's that time of year again and we want to extend our warmest regards and most sincere thanks.

Off Road Specialties Ltd.
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Wishing you a Merry Season from
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Season's Greetings

To All Our Valued Customers
Thank you for your patronage

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Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season!
With "thanks" for another year of trusted service.

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Best Holiday Wishes

May the season bring you every happiness this new year!

A BUCK OR TWO
Skeena Mall #303 - 4741 Lakelse Ave. Terrace, B.C. 635-5229

Hark! It's Christmas Time Again

It's that time of year, time to let you know how much we appreciate your patronage.
THANKS SO MUCH!

B & G Grocery
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Your Patronage Has Kept Us Rolling All Year Long!

A sincere thanks to each and every customer who visited us this year. See you in '99!

Bandsra Transportation Systems Ltd
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MAY THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON SOAR WITHIN YOU

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Box 544, Terrace, B.C. 635-6177

Our Holiday wish is three-fold, we wish you peace, love and joy

House Of Sim-Oi-Ghets
P.O. Box 544, Hwy. 16W Terrace, B.C. 638-1629

May your Christmas be filled with hope, joy and love.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Dr. Peter Okimi and staff

Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year

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Happy Holidays to you and yours from all of us.

Have a great New Year

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Ways to avoid food poisoning this holiday

IF PEOPLE cook and clean properly this Christmas, food poisoning shouldn't be a problem, says a local environmental health officer.

Russ Seltenrich said many foodborne illnesses occur at this time of year as a result of improper food handling and preparation.

"He explained people get sick at potluck dinners when food sits out on tables for hours. Harmful bacteria forms on food that is left at room temperature for too long."

Other foodborne illnesses are caused when people don't take the time to clean properly when preparing meals.

"As you prepare more food for 13 or 14 people for Christmas dinner, it puts stress on facilities," he said.

He said people must

take extra precautions to ensure cooking utensils and appliances are clean before preparing food.

And when cutting meat, make sure to disinfect cutting surfaces, knives and hands.

Seltenrich said bleach works well at disinfecting countertops and cutting surfaces. One capful of bleach is generally enough for one ice cream bucket.

According to Health Canada, one million cases of foodborne illnesses are reported each year.

Common symptoms of food poisoning include diarrhea, abdominal cramps, fever and vomiting. These symptoms may start as early as 30 minutes after eating contaminated food.

Food poisoning can be avoided by following these simple practices:

Clean: Always wash your hands, utensils and cooking surfaces with soap and hot water before you handle food. It is important to sanitize countertops, cutting boards and utensils with a mild bleach and water solution.

Separate: Keep foods like meats and their juices separated from others during storage and preparation. Don't cut vegetables on the same cutting board as your meats.

Cook: Cook your food thoroughly and serve them immediately. Don't let foods linger at room temperature where bacteria can grow.

Chill: Refrigerate prepared food and leftovers within two hours.

Food safety tips

Never defrost your turkey or meat at room temperature on the counter. Room temperature allows bacteria to grow on the surface of the meat, even while the inside remains frozen. The safest way to thaw meat or poultry is in the refrigerator, allowing 6-9 hours per pound.

Meat or poultry defrosted in the microwave should be cooked immediately.

Ground meats and poultry should never be refrozen after they have thawed. If partially defrosted but still cold, cook first and then freeze if necessary.

Leftovers

When storing leftovers, remove poultry meat from the bones and take the stuffing out of the cavity. Refrigerate cooked meat, poultry and stuffing promptly after serving. Divide large quantities of food into smaller portions or spread out in shallow containers to chill more quickly.



Prevent "Hamburger Disease"



Be Aware... Cook all ground meat until there is no pink and the meat juices run clear!

For a free brochure on steps to prevent "Hamburger Disease", call The Kidney Foundation of Canada, B.C. Branch, toll free: 1-800-567-8112

Season's Best!
Our holiday best to you and yours from everyone at:
WEST POINT RENTALS
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Terrace, B.C.
635-3038

Thank You
As the year comes to a close, we wish to thank all our good friends and customers who have supported us throughout 1998.
Coastal Welding
3138 Kofaed Dr.
Terrace, B.C.
635-3547

A CHRISTMAS WISH
May your heart and home be blessed. May your new year be the very best. Thank you for your patronage.
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Camp 7 Terrace, B.C.
638-0153

Seasons Greetings from everyone at
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28165 Kalum Street
Terrace, B.C. V8G 2M6
635-6114


Season's Greetings
From **Big Brothers & Big Sisters** of Terrace at 4711 Lazelle Ave. 635-4232
Time spent with family and friends is the most precious gift of all.

Best Wishes At Christmas Time
May Christmas time bring many blessings to you and yours. Thanks so much for your devoted patronage.
Daybreak FARMS LTD
4423 Eby, Terrace, B.C. **638-0777**

Happy New Year!
To all our valued customers, we'd like to express our gratitude and very best wishes for the coming year!
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4720 Lakelse Ave., Terrace, B.C.
635-7469

FOR YOU
May this Christmas season find you gathered in harmony with loved ones and friends, sharing fond memories and making new ones.
Kitselas Band Council
4562 Queensway Dr. Terrace, B.C.
635-5084


May the Peace and Happiness Of the Season be yours today And every day throughout the New Year



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Fax: 638-2195

Happy Holidays
May your Christmas and the new year be filled with health, happiness and prosperity.



TERRACE OTEM FORD
4631 Keith Avenue, Terrace
Ph: 635-4984



IT'S A SMALL WORLD

Christmas is a celebration of a child's birth.

We hope you and your children enjoy a season filled with joy, and happiness and that your family is blessed with the bounty that good fortune brings.

Best wishes also for a healthy and prosperous 1999

From your friends at Alcan — an element of B.C.

Faith, food and song bring people together

By HEATHER BELLAMY

IMAGINE A Christmas with no snow, no carol music on your car radio, no festive lights strung on trees and homes — none of the fun sneaking around trying to find a gift that will make your loved ones' eyes light up....

I had to admit those were some of the things I missed my first Christmas in Pakistan.

My co-worker, Cindy, was going home to Indiana for the holidays, leaving me alone in a big house. I felt as mournful as a lone wolf howling at the moon.

In this Muslim land, I wondered how the minority Christian community celebrated Christmas. My thoughts wandered to the poorest of the poor in my neighbourhood — the Christian Punjabi-speaking street sweepers.

They lived in mud-home slums and toiled in the heat of the day, sweeping up the refuse dumped on the streets. I had often stopped to say hello to them as I walked to school and was dazzled by their quick smiles and dancing eyes.

Yes! I've got it! A shiver ran up my neck. I'll throw a Christmas Eve tea to honour these humble folk for their hard work in our community.

I ran outside to pass the idea by our gate guard. Mr. Rafiq rattled on his incomprehensible masala mix of Punjabi, Urdu and English. But I understood from his broad grin that he thought it was great idea, too!



Heather Bellamy

He put the word out to our local sweeper folk, "Christmas Eve noon, be there or be square!" I began making all my favourites — carrot cake with maple icing and almond puff slices.

Christmas Eve noon, I had hauled my kitchen table out into the courtyard and loaded it down with my baking, a big blue bowl of oranges, a huge pot of chai (tea) and a salty peanut snack.

Rafiq helped me string up shiny tinsel garlands and then surveyed the table. He frowned. "Where are the chips, they like chips!" "Boy, I'd better get this right," I thought and sent him off quickly to the market across the street for some bags of chips.

We sat down and waited. By 12:30 I wondered if maybe they had misunderstood the time or day. By 1 p.m. I sent our Mr. Rafiq to scout out the streets but in a few minutes he ran back breathless, "They're coming!"

They came in shyly, women first followed by the men. Each bearing gorgeous bouquets of winter roses entwined with cedar bran-

ches. I was later to discover that they had been late for this very reason. As they scoured the neighbourhood, they picked other people's flowers!

Since I didn't have much of the language, Mr. Rafiq raised his hands to heaven and gave thanks for this special reason to celebrate...the coming of Jesus, the Light of World.

Then, as is their custom, they closed in around the table and stood there chewing down til stomachs and pockets were full.

"We should sing!" Rafiq our unofficial party host belted out. Another fellow began to drum on the blue plastic bowl that had held the oranges. Suddenly the air swelled with the most wonderful singing I've ever heard.

Who knows what language the angels sang to the astonished shepherds that first Christmas night, was it maybe Punjabi? "Glory to God in the Highest! We sat in darkness, but the Light of all men has come to us. Through his poverty, coming as a simple babe, we have become rich!"

I saw, that first Christmas in Pakistan, the truth of the words spoken by that 'babe' become a man. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

These people, marginalized by their faith and their position at the bottom of the ladder, with hands roughened by the hardest labour, possessed as their greatest treasure, Immanuel — God with us!

He had called to each of



MR. RAFIQ, a gate guard for the compound in which Heather Bellamy lives, proved instrumental in organizing a Christmas Eve festivity.

their hearts, "Come to me. For I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

And they had come. Shining from their faces was a joy that was almost tangible as the carrot cake we had just devoured.

A Terrace resident, Heather Bellamy is a Christian worker with Samaritan's Purse, an international aid agency.

Her overseas posting is in Pakistan where she works with refugees from Afghanistan.

Samaritan's Purse supports a number of aid and crisis relief missions to Eastern Europe, Southeast Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Its annual Christmas shoebox campaign provides comfort items for children around the world.

Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season
 With thanks for another year of trusted service.
 All West Trading Ltd
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Happy Holidays To You And Yours
 May the season bring you joy.
 We look forward to seeing you in 1999.
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 P.O. Box 824, Terrace, B.C., V8G 4R1 635-5253

Best Of The Season!
 The time is right to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!
 Thanks to all our customers & friends for following us to Thornhill. See you in '99'.
CENTRAL GARAGE
 3359 Hwy 16E Terrace 638-1168

Holiday Greetings
 We're happy to have this opportunity to express our best wishes to all of you at this joyous time of year.
FLOWERS & LA SARTIS
 Located in the Skeena Mall, Terrace
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GREETINGS
 May your holiday be built on a foundation of health and happiness! Thank you for doing business with us!
 Greta Brorup, Terrace, B.C. **Dynamic HEALTH SERVICE** Sue Simpson, Manager

'Tis the season
 Many thanks for a wonderful year.
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Merry Christmas
 Hope yours is wonderful!
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For Getaways & Holidays
 Who do you think Santa calls on December 26?
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 Courtesy Travel Ph: 638-8522

The Countdown Is On!
 We hope you're building up to a merry Christmas and a happy new year.
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 2912 Molitor St. 635-9595
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Terrace Interiors
 4610 Lazelle Avenue, Terrace
 Phone: 635-6600

Some can go home

SOME ARE heading home for Christmas.

But for some inmates at the Terrace Regional Correctional Centre, the facility will be the place at which they'll spend the holidays.

Lucky inmates — about a third of the centre's thirty inmates — get a temporary reprieve for the holidays, says Bill McKenzie, the centre's senior correction officer.

But first they have to go through a community assessment where their records and home environments are closely examined.

The likelihood of going home depends a variety of individual circumstances including proximity of family, the nature of their crime and their behaviour while in jail.

Six to eight of the inmates will go home overnight with an electronic monitor around their ankle that makes sure they stay at home.

About four more inmates will get day passes to see relatives in the immediate area.

McKenzie says everyone is tested for drugs and alcohol when they return.

They've never had anyone escape while on Christmas leave.

"They know they could screw things up for the whole program," said McKenzie.

Inmates that stay at the jail are treated to special visiting hours, futsal tournaments, and a home-made Christmas dinner.

"We try to keep it as normal as possible," McKenzie said while recognizing Christmas is an especially emotional time for most inmates whose thoughts tend to be with their families.



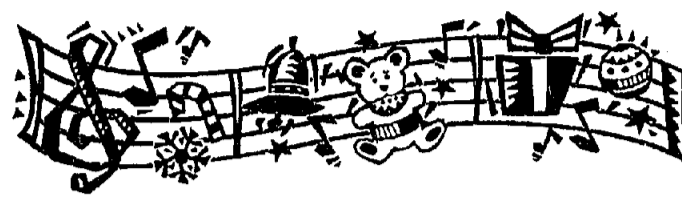
■ Yes, please

THE ANNUAL Northwest Community College Christmas luncheon drew a good crowd of students, employees and guests. That's Joe Zucchiatti receiving a plateful from cook training student Casey Lewis. The food is prepared by the cook training students and the luncheon is held in the cafeteria.

Fa la la la la



la la la la!



A Note of Thanks

We'd like to sing the praises of our noteworthy friends and neighbors. Hope your season is filled with song and celebration. Merry Christmas!

From all of us at



CFNR Canada's First Nations Radio

Santa Knows

just what you want for Christmas and where to get it.

Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year

From All Of Us At

Terrace Builders Do-it center.

3207 Munroe St., Terrace



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A Christmas Wish For You

We're hoping that your season brings
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The blessing of friends,
Plus peace and joy
That never ends.

May all your hopes and dreams come true,
That's our Christmas wish for you!

We belong to you.

From the staff & directors of



Terrace & District Credit Union
4650 Lazelle Avenue, Terrace
Phone: 635-7282

Best Wishes

Our heartfelt good wishes go out to you and your family.

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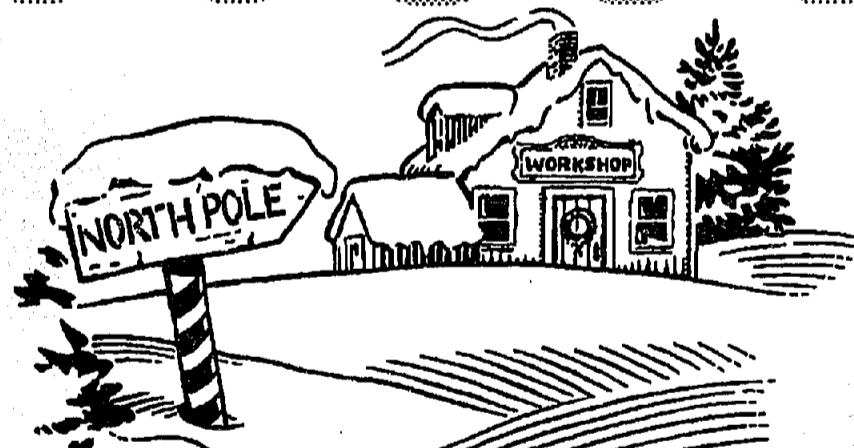
...And to all a good night.

We hope that your Christmas unrolls with loads of joy and love.
Happy Holidays!



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Greetings
FROM THE NORTH POLE

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Canadian Tire
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635-7178

330. NOTICES

KIDS AT PLAY PRESCHOOL SCHOOL AGE CENTRE
Opening Jan/99
Call Alice
638-8109

THORNHILL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday Service 10:45
At The Thornhill Community Hall
Teens & Adults Bible Classes
Sunday's Cool Club For ages 2-12 8:30
College & Careers
Teens Youth Groups
Adult Bible Studies
Cuba's Presidency & M.U.M.S.
Thursdays 8:30-11:00 Oct-May
Cantor Ron Rooker
Pastor Rob Brinson
Phone 635-3056

Looking for Child Care?

Skeena Child Care Resource and Referral has information on child care options and on choosing child care.
Drop by The Family Place at 4553 Park Ave. or call 638-1113.
Skeena CCR is a program of the Terrace Woman's Resource Centre and is funded by the Ministry for Children and Families.

NIRVANA METAPHYSIC & HEALING CENTRE

The Teachers, Staff, Healers & Students at The Centre Wish Everyone a Blessed Christmas & 1999
Blessed Be
Laurel & Sean Gregg

Holiday Wishes

To Mrs. Miller
Thank you for making school so fun in my first year. Have a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
Love Amy



BURN SMART

TO MINIMIZE AIR POLLUTION FROM YOUR WOODSTOVE:

Don't burn in moderate temperatures. Save your wood for cold days. When you do use your woodstove or fireplace, keep the fire small and bright, and burn only clean, dry wood.

A message from the BRITISH COLUMBIA LUNG ASSOCIATION

HELP!
We're overstocked
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20/\$5.00
Price effective until Dec. 30/98
STANDARD
3210 Clinton St. Terrace, B.C. V8G 5R2 638-7283

Religious Services

Christ Lutheran Church
3229 Sparks Street
Terrace, B.C.
Christmas Eve 7:30 p.m.
Candlelight Service
11 p.m.
Christmas Communion
Come celebrate Christ's Incarnation with us!
Pastor Terry Simonson
635-5520

Roman Catholic Sacred Heart Parish
4830 Straume Ave.
Christmas Masses
Dec. 24 - 11:45 p.m.
Dec. 25 - 9:00 a.m.
Dec. 25 - 11:00 a.m.
New Year's Masses
Dec. 31 - 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 1 - 11:00 a.m.

Terrace Evangelical Free Church
4640 Park Avenue
Terrace, B.C.
December 24
6:30
A Candlelight Celebration of Christmas in Story and Song.
Pastor Steve Bateman

Knox United Church
4907 Lazelle Ave.,
Terrace, B.C.
Ph. 635-6014
December 24
Christmas Eve
7:30 p.m.
December 25
Christmas Day
11 a.m.
December 27
Christmas I
10:30 a.m.
December 30
Lessons & Carols at
St. Matthews
7:30 p.m.
Rev. Michael Hare

Terrace Alliance Church
4923 Agar Avenue, Terrace, B.C.
Pastor Ralph Rintisch
Dec. 24 - 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Service
Join us for carols, a children's feature and family worship time.

Terrace Christian Reformed Church
3602 Sparks St.,
Terrace 635-7207
Christmas Eve
Dec. 24, 7:30 p.m.
Christmas Day
Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m.
New years Eve
Dec. 31, 7:30 p.m.
New years Day
Jan. 1, 10:30 a.m.
Pastor Pieter Hendriks

Celebrate The Season
Worship At The Church Of Your Choice

Terrace Pentecostal Assembly
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Terrace, B.C. V8G 2V9
Family Christmas
Candlelight Service
DECEMBER 24
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
New Years
Eve
Service
DECEMBER 31
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Celebrate
New Year's Eve Party
December 31, 1998
7:30 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.
Terrace
Air Cadet Hall
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✓ Grand Prize Value of \$250.00
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Music by Sight & Sound
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340. LEGAL NOTICES

BRITISH COLUMBIA NOTICE INVITING APPLICATION FOR TIMBER SALE LICENCE A49461
Pursuant to Section 20 of the Forest Act, sealed tender applications will be accepted by the District Manager, Kalam Forest District, Terrace, British Columbia, up to 8:30 a.m., on the 7th day of January 1999, to be opened at 9:30 a.m., on the 7th day of January 1999, for Timber Sale Licence A49461 authorizing the harvesting of timber located in the vicinity of Fiddler Creek in the Kalam Timber Supply Area. Only tenders from registrants in the Small Business Forest Enterprise Program, Category One (1) will be accepted.
TOTAL VOLUME: 8,440 cubic metres, more or less;
SPECIES: Hemlock 41%, Balsam 57%, Spruce 1%, more or less
TERM: One (1) Year
UPSET STUMPAGE: \$13.95 per cubic metre
BILLING METHOD: Scale Based
LOGGING SYSTEM: Ground Based (Skidder)
LOGGING SEASON: Winter
ACCESS: Via Fiddler Mainline (Skeena West)
This licence requires the building of approximately 0.6 km of on block road. The successful applicant will be required to enter into a Road Use Agreement with the Ministry of Forests and Skeena Cellulose Inc.
Additional information and tender packages may be obtained from the District Manager, Kalam Forest District, at #200 - 5220 Keith Avenue, Terrace, British Columbia V8G 1L1.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NOTICE INVITING APPLICATION FOR TIMBER SALE LICENCE A49464
Pursuant to Section 20 of the Forest Act, sealed tender applications will be accepted by the District Manager, Kalam Forest District, Terrace, British Columbia, up to 8:30 a.m., on the 14th day of January 1999, to be opened at 9:30 a.m., on the 14th day of January 1999, for Timber Sale Licence A49464 authorizing the harvesting of timber located in the vicinity of Fiddler Mainline (17 km) in the Kalam Timber Supply Area. Only tenders from registrants in the Small Business Forest Enterprise Program, Category One (1) will be accepted.
TOTAL VOLUME: 12,901 cubic metres, more or less;
SPECIES: Hemlock 61%, Balsam 39%, more or less
TERM: One (1) Year
UPSET STUMPAGE: \$14.48 per cubic metre
BILLING METHOD: Scale Based
LOGGING SYSTEM: Ground Based, Skidding/Hoe Forward
LOGGING SEASON: Winter
ACCESS: Via the Fiddler Creek Forest Service Road (17 km)
This licence requires the building of approximately 1.0 km of on block road. The successful applicant will be required to enter into a Road Use Agreement with Skeena Cellulose Inc. and the Ministry of Forests.
Additional information and tender packages may be obtained from the District Manager, Kalam Forest District, at #200 - 5220 Keith Avenue, Terrace, British Columbia V8G 1L1.

CRTC PUBLIC NOTICE Canada
Public Notice CRTC 1998-127. The CRTC has received the following application: 1. PRINCE RUPERT, TERRACE, KITIMAT, HAZELTON, SMITHERS AND HOUSTON, B.C. Application by OKANAGAN SKEENA GROUP LIMITED for authority to add the signal of Radio Television Portugal International ("RTP") as part of the basic service of the cable system serving the above-mentioned localities. The CRTC notes that the service will be offered at no additional cost to the subscribers. In addition, as part of this process, the CRTC will also wish to consider whether or not it would be appropriate to make an exception to the moratorium announced in Public Notice CRTC 1997-33-2 in the case of RTP by adding this service to its lists of Eligible Satellite Services (Part 2 and Part 3) and to the List of DTH Eligible Satellite Services. EXAMINATION OF APPLICATION: 4625 Lazelle Ave., Terrace, B.C. V8G 1S4. This application is available through the Notice in Hull, (819) 997-2429; or our office in Vancouver: (604) 686-2111. The full application, in alternative format, on request. If you wish to support or oppose the application, write to the Secretary General, CRTC, Ottawa, Ont. K1A 0N2, by 15th January, 1999 with proof that you sent a copy to the applicant. You may also file your interventions by electronic mail at: public.broadcasting@crtc.gc.ca. For full information, contact the above or CRTC Client Services Branch at (819) 997-0313, fax (819) 994-0218, TDD (819) 994-0423, Internet: http://www.crtc.gc.ca., or Toll-Free at 1-877-249-CRTC.

Proposed Forest Development Plan
Readvertisement of the International Forest Products Limited 1999 to 2003 Forest Development Plan is due to an operational schedule change.
Notice is hereby given that the International Forest Products Limited 1999 to 2003 Forest Development Plan for Forest Licence A16841 will be available for public review and comment between the dates of November 10, 1998 and February 15, 1999. This plan will cover the following geographical/administrative areas: Scotia River, Big Falls Creek, Hayward Creek, Aytan Creek, Khada Lake, Kumealon Inlet, Brown Lake, McKnight Creek, Madeline Creek, Knokmoks Creek, Ecstall River, Porcher Island, Fort Essington, Moore Cove, Marlon Creek/Work Channel, Davies Bay, Work Channel North West, Surf Inlet, Chapple Inlet, Tuck Inlet.
This Forest Development Plan shows the location and orderly development of proposed harvesting and road development, maintenance, and deactivation. The plan also includes information on the maintenance and protection of other resource values in the area. It is available for review by resource agencies and the public before approval is considered by the Ministry of Forests. All approved operational plans that encompass the development area will be made available for viewing between the dates of November 10, 1998 and February 15, 1999.
The Forest Development Plan will be available for public review at the following locations and dates:
Location: Prince Rupert Public Library Between Dates: Dec. 16, 1998 & Jan. 16, 1999
Kitimat Public Library Dec. 16, 1998 & Jan. 16, 1999
If interested parties wish to speak to a representative of International Forest Products Limited during these dates, please contact Andrew Mackay, R.P.F. at (250) 615-6755 or fax (250) 635-0636.
If interested parties are unable to review the proposed plans during these times, arrangement can be made to view the plan at a time convenient for them.
This Forest Development Plan will also be available at the International Forest Products Limited office in Terrace and at the Ministry of Forests office in Prince Rupert from November 10, 1998 to February 15, 1999. If interested parties wish to view this Forest Development Plan at the Ministry of Forests office in Prince Rupert, please contact Brian Wesleyson, R.P.F. at (250) 624-7460.
This Forest Development Plan may be modified as a result of written comments received by February 15, 1999. Please contact Andrew Mackay, R.P.F., Area Engineer, at International Forest Products Limited, 3712 Highway 16 East, Terrace, B.C. V8G 5J3 by February 15, 1999 with all written comments.

COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS ASSOCIATION Network Classifieds 595 WEEK OF DEC 21/98
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